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## Fires render 8 families homeless

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REPORTER

**B**ack-to-back fires yesterday morning razed three houses in San Antonio and the former Stardust Nightclub in Chalan Kanoa District 4. No one was reported injured in both blazes, but eight families were rendered homeless in the San Antonio fire.

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**HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**

Smoke and some collapsed tin roofs are what's left after an abandoned building in Chalan Kanoa caught fire, just a few hours after another fire razed at least three houses in San Antonio past 8am yesterday. Nobody was hurt in the twin fires that remain under investigation.

## Jobless aliens obtain parole

» **'Rather than resort to illegal job deals, seek humanitarian parole'**

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**  
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"You never know until you try."

This was what Nida Bautista, 55, had to say weeks after she personally carried a handwritten letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Garapan, asking for a grant of parole that will allow her to legally stay in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27 so that she won't get separated from her U.S. citizen son and while she continues to look for a new job.

USCIS granted her parole status until Jan. 31, 2012.

"I was very happy when I got a letter from USCIS granting me parole. If you don't try to ask, you won't get any. Having two months to prepare or look for a job will help me and my son a lot," Bautista told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday,

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**HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**

Feliciano Mangahas, a now unemployed nonresident, shows his I-94 and notice of parole status that allows him to legally remain in the CNMI until Jan. 31, 2012.

## Female tourist dragged by car in brazen robbery

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A female Japanese tourist was dragged several meters by a car when she chased a man who had grabbed her bag as she was walking along Beach Road, Garapan, Wednesday night.

Responding paramedics treated

the 32-year-old tourist at the scene for extensive bruises on her legs and left arm.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that a responding police officer pulled over a vehicle near Bank of Guam that matched the description of the getaway vehicle. It was not clear yet whether an arrest was made.

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## 'Twilight' fever grips Saipan

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Regina Deleon Guerrero didn't know a thing about the *Twilight* books by Stephanie Meyer until she heard about it from her Math teacher in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

"There was a lot of hype about it," recalled Deleon Guerrero, 15. "I learned about the book but didn't

want to read it. So I decided to watch the movie first."

That's when she got hooked.

The sophomore student at Marianas High School read the entire book series (reading the first book last) and would throw in scenes and trivia about the four-part saga in her talks with family and friends who, she admits, are becoming tired of her

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**LOLLIPOPS**

## Marshall to prioritize adding more postal boxes

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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Newly installed Saipan Postmaster Amy Marshall said one of her top priorities is to provide additional postal boxes for the community.

"We're working on that. We're starting to issue boxes to customers," Marshall told reporters.

According to Marshall, they have 300 additional boxes ready to be installed and issued to customers.

"The post office has to be reconfigured a little bit as we install those," said Marshall. "There's a spot that we have

to reconstruct to install those 300 boxes."

Marshall was officially installed yesterday at the Chamolinian Room of Hyatt Regency Saipan, replacing Hector Medina who retired after 39 years of service.

Marshall, who has been serving as the Saipan Postmaster since August, took her oath of office from U.S. Postal Service Honolulu district manager Frank Santos.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, Marshall served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Green River Community College in Auburn, Washington.

Marshall began her 17-year postal career as a rural carrier in Dillon Montana, working her way to becoming the postmaster in Crow Agency, Roundup, and Hardin, Montana. She served as the postmaster in Hereford, Arizona before moving to Saipan.

She will supervise six employees and the distribution of some 6,000 mails daily to customers.

"I really enjoy it here. My employees are fantastic to work with and the customers, even though we have long lines, they're very patient and I thank them for that. The community is very, very patient with us," she said.

When asked how she plans to address the long lines, Marshall said they are "on a hiring freeze" right now and that the post office only has three stations, which are all manned.

As for missing package complaints, Marshall urged customers to bring it to

her attention. "The best thing to do is make sure you have tracking on your package because without the tracking, we can't do anything. I can't find it," she added.

Marshall, who "loves" the farmers' market, said she looks forward to doing a few other things during her stay. "I'm going to start paddling...besides golf, fishing, and shopping."

She is married to husband Dennis, and they have a daughter, Crystal.



Marshall



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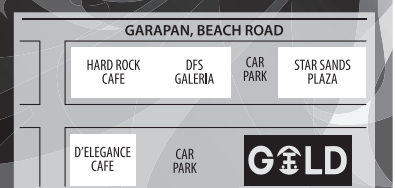


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## Fund scrambling to find an independent auditor

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The NMI Retirement Fund is

### Fital to keynote investiture rites for Camacho

Gov. Benigno R. Fital will serve as the keynote speaker in today's investiture ceremony for Joseph James Norita Camacho, the newest associate judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

Fital will also swear in Camacho during the ceremony set at 10am at the Supreme Court courtroom in Susupe. The public is invited to today's ceremony.

Chief Deputy Attorney General of Guam Philip J. Tydingco will serve as presenter for Camacho.

Camacho was sworn in as associate judge during a "private" ceremony at the governor's conference room on Capital Hill last Nov. 10.

Camacho replaced Ramona V. Manglona as Superior Court associate judge after Manglona became chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

scrambling to find an independent auditor that will work on its fiscal year financial audit after a couple of request for proposals advertised in newspapers found no takers.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez has already asked the Office of the Public Auditor what legal and procedural issues may arise in the absence of a financial audit for fiscal year 2011.

According to Villagomez, the Fund twice issued in the past three months a request for proposal for a financial auditor. The first search was advertised in the local papers and closed on Sept. 21. During the open period, two firms expressed interest but

only J. Scott Magliari & Associates submitted a proposal by the closing date.

Villagomez said Deloitte and Touche initially expressed interest, but later indicated it would not be submitting a proposal because of the passage of Public Law 17-51, the Beneficiaries' Derivative Act, which became effective around the RFP open period.

Subsequently, Scott Magliari called the Fund to withdraw his proposal, also because of the passage of the Beneficiaries' Derivative Act.

The second search closed on Nov. 9 and the Fund only received one inquiry but no responses.

"As a result of Public Law 17-

51 the Fund is unable to retain the services of any professional advisors. This extends from investment advisors, to money managers, to litigation counsel and now to external auditors. Accordingly, we are unable to retain a financial auditor to perform the required annual audit to comply with the law," Villagomez told Public Auditor Michael Pai in a letter on Monday.

The Beneficiaries' Derivative Act allows retirees to sue the Fund's independent advisers and

money managers in the event the Fund board refuses to do so.

"As it stands, we don't have an independent firm to audit our books and time is ticking toward the CNMI single audit deadlines. This inability to contract with service providers—though predicted and raised to lawmakers as a negative consequence on several occasions over several months in opposition to P.L. 17-51 when it was still a bill—is unprecedented for the Fund. We would like to begin planning

any necessary steps the Fund should start taking now to address any foreseeable legal and procedural issues that may arise in the absence of a financial audit for FY 2011," Villagomez added in his letter to Pai.

Villagomez emphasized that independently audited financial statements are the foundation for other finance related reports and it is crucial for any organization that deals with money to be audited by an independent accounting firm.

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## No advice yet on Obama's Guam stopover—admin

The Fitial administration has yet to receive official communication about President Barack Obama's reported stopover in Guam late Saturday night

for refueling on his way back to the United States from Indonesia, press secretary Angel Demapan.

Because of this, neither Gov. Beni-

gno R. Fitial nor any other CNMI official is scheduled to go to Guam this weekend.

"We don't even know if it's just a fuel stop. We haven't been advised of any meeting with officials [from the

Marianas]," Demapan said.

The press secretary previously said that Fitial had invited Obama to visit the CNMI at the National Governors Association meeting in Washington, D.C. in February. Demapan said the governor also invited Vice President Joe Biden during one of their conversations at the White House.

Back in September, Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo invited Obama to visit Guam during his scheduled trip to Asia-Pacific this month. At the time, some CNMI officials saw another opportunity to also invite the president to the Commonwealth. Bordallo's office has yet to respond to media inquiries about any stopover. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

## ROBBERY

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The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the incident to the media.

Witnesses said the victim and her boyfriend were walking on the shoulder of the road near Mama Store when an unidentified man who was waiting in the area suddenly grabbed her bag.

The victim and her boyfriend chased the robber, who then boarded a sports utility vehicle that was parked near the

Bobby Cadillacs Restaurant.

The female tourist was able to hold on to the door of the front passenger's side. As the vehicle sped off, the woman was dragged for a few meters until she fell.

Witnesses described the suspect as in his early 40's, has grayish hair, and bearded. He is believed to have a companion who served as the driver and lookout.

Last June 24, a 70-year-old Korean businessman suffered serious injuries when an unidentified man attacked him with a hammer and robbed him near his restaurants in western Garapan.

The incident occurred near the former Wax Museum of Saipan along Ginger Avenue. No one has been arrested.



A Japanese man attends to his girlfriend who suffered injuries after she chased a robber and was dragged few meters by a getaway vehicle along Beach Road near Bobby Caddillacs of Saipan on Wednesday night. Also in the photo are responding police officers and paramedics.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

## TWILIGHT

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fanaticism.

"Whenever we have conversations, if something comes up that would remind me about *Twilight*, I would shift the conversation and talk about the series," Deleon Guerrero smiled. "My sister Tiara gets the worst end of the stick and she becomes annoyed."

A book series and three movies later, Deleon Guerrero still can't get enough of the *Twilight* fever. She and best friend Ha'ane Fejeran will be joining millions of Twi-hards around the globe for the latest and much-anticipated two-part conclusion to the vampire saga that has become a worldwide phenomenon.

*The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1* will premiere in the CNMI at Hollywood Theaters today and Deleon Guerrero has already secured a spot for herself by having her parents buy her a ticket right after they became available.

"I would go there right after school, fall in line and make sure my friend and

I get a good seat. I'm very excited. I know that I will watch it again at a later date," said Deleon Guerrero.

The books and the movies revolve around Bella, a young female human, who falls in love with Edward, a handsome vampire, who has to compete with his girlfriend's werewolf best friend, Jacob. Fans of the movie series are equally divided between the characters of Robert Pattinson (Edward) and Taylor Lautner (Jacob).

A self-confessed Team Edward member, Deleon Guerrero says she is particularly looking forward to the wedding scene and the succeeding honeymoon.

Why not Team Jacob? "The way Stephanie Meyer portrayed Edward, he is more romantic than Jacob," Deleon Guerrero blushed. "I like how he's old-fashioned, too."

But *Twilight* fans are not necessarily limited to female moviegoers. Caleb Leung, 16, said he "may have watched" the first three movies. He checked for tickets to *Breaking Dawn – Part 1* for him and his girlfriend but learned that they were already sold out.

"I will watch it with friends as soon as it's available because I like all the action that happens, especially the transformation of the characters, and maybe some of the love parts," said the junior student at Marianas High School.

A 15-year old As Lito resident, who declined to be identified, said she's rooting for werewolf Jacob. "He's hot!" At the same time, "he's very protective of Bella but he doesn't hold on to her."

What's great about the *Twilight* movies, she added, is "the action and just the drama of it." "I'm just sad that it's going to come to an end really soon."

A staffer at Hollywood Theaters said that *Twilight* movies have always been well-received, thanks to the books that he believes were "instrumental" in the movies' popularity. He said they're prepared for the kind of reception that *Twilight* does to moviegoers on island.

"We'll probably sell out. We always sold out the first shows of every *Twilight* movie, at least for the first couple of days. We anticipate our weekend to be very busy. We look forward to it, of course," he added.

## FIRES

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The first fire broke out in San Antonio around 7:45am. As firefighters were clearing up between 9:30am and 10am, another fire occurred at the former Stardust Nightclub in Chalan Kanoa-Chalan Piao area.

"While we are grateful that no loss of life has been reported, there was significant property loss and damage," according to press secretary Angel Demapan.

He said investigators are now working both scenes in an effort to determine the cause of the fires. He gave no further details as investigation is still ongoing.

In the San Antonio blaze, the fire razed to the ground a one-story semi-

concrete house that had eight rooms and one store, and two other semi-concrete houses.

The affected eight families are Thailanders and Filipinos. Most of them failed to save their valuables and appliances as the fire spread swiftly.

The houses are located in front of the Pacific Islands Club along Tun Tomas P. Sablan Road near the corner of Batto Pl.

According to Santiago Elayda's girlfriend, the fire started in the kitchen area of their house. Elayda said he was at work at the time, but his girlfriend told him that when she opened the door's kitchen she noticed thick smoke and fire.

He said his girlfriend failed to save any appliances or valuables.

Elayda said their tenants and families also scammed for safety.

Elayda's house has eight rooms and one store. He leased the land in 1974 from Margarita Castro.

Modesto Agustin, 57, a maintenance worker, said he was on his way home after opening the San Antonio Church when he noticed thick smoke coming from their area.

Agustin said his girlfriend only managed to get those clothes that were being dried outside the house.

Samarn Chaikhamyan, 57, said he was at work in Kagman when he received a call from a friend about the fire. Chaikhamyan said his wife failed to get any of their appliances, but he's still happy because his wife and their children—2 years old and 10 months old—were not hurt.

The American Red Cross put up tents across the road near PIC where volunteers provided refreshment, water, and

food to the families and 80 responders.

John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter, said they will provide shelter to the families that were rendered homeless—either at a hotel or a congregated shelter like a gymnasium.

In the second fire, Mina, 49, a commercial cleaner, said she was busy stocking goods at Bobby Market when she heard shouts about a fire.

Mina noticed thick smoke coming out of the former Stardust, located across their store.

Most of the firefighters that came from San Antonio moved to Chalan Kanoa and began working to extinguish the blaze that gobbled the houses located in the back portion of the building.

Mohan Hemlani, owner of Bobby Market and the Hemlani Building, said

the affected building, owned by a Sablan family, has been abandoned since about five years ago.

A firewall prevented the blaze from transferring to the adjacent three-story commercial building.

Residents said that a Chuukese man and woman have been staying in the abandoned house for many months now. The two are known for begging food and money. They were not seen at the scene yesterday when the fire broke out.

Following the unusual occurrence of two fire incidents following each other, Demapan said that Department of Public Safety Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas is requesting the public to be vigilant of their surroundings at all times for any unusual or suspicious activity or for any items that may cause or catch fire.

## ALIENS

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showing her Form I-94.

Bautista, who legally came to Saipan in 1994 to work as a house worker and later on as a commercial cleaner, is just one of the many unemployed non-residents who have requested and were granted parole status by USCIS in recent weeks.

A grant of parole is always discretionary, on a case-by-case basis, and is up to USCIS.

Bautista, along with other unemployed workers who obtained parole, called on other nonresidents who have legally worked in the CNMI for years but recently lost their jobs due to the bad economy to also ask for parole instead of resorting to illegal employment agreements.

"I told USCIS that my son is still a high school student, and he doesn't want to leave the CNMI where he's born. I also don't want to leave him here alone," she said.

She hopes that Delegate Gregorio

Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 1466, which proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for four groups of people, including foreign parents of U.S. citizen children, will be signed into law before her parole expires.

"Because if we become out of status, we might not get covered by Kilili's HR 1466 when it becomes law, so we need parole status to be able to stay here legally," she said.

Another unemployed nonresident, Feliciano Mangahas, who does not have a U.S. citizen child on Saipan, said he also asked and was granted parole until Jan. 31, 2012.

"I lost my job in 2009 but I have an umbrella permit expiring on Nov. 27. I am really hoping I will get a job soon," the 47-year-old said.

Mangahas, who came to Saipan in 2004 to work as a farmer, said the additional two months will allow him to continue looking for a job so he could support his seven children in the Philippines.

"If I really can't find an employer, then I will go home but at least I have two more months to look for a job," he said.

The "notice of parole status" that accompanies the Form I-94 given to nonresidents like Mangahas reads: "Your request for an extension of your parole has been approved. Your parole is authorized until Jan. 31, 2012. If you have not received any further information regarding your immigration status by Jan. 31, 2012, please contact USCIS office..."

A 36-year-old Chinese woman, who has a 6-year-old U.S. citizen daughter, also wrote a handwritten letter to USCIS on Oct. 27 to give her more time to process her "green card." She said she got the parole notice on Nov. 8. Just like the others, she's paroled until Jan. 31, 2012.

"I have more time to process my green card. Hopefully everything will work out fine," said the former garment sewer, who later worked in other legal jobs when the garment factories started closing one by one.

Aida Camacho, 65, said she asked for parole on Oct. 13, also to be allowed more time to process her "green card."

"I was told that I need around \$1,700 to have my green card. I am working

on it," she said.

Unlike the others, Camacho's parole is valid until Oct. 29, 2013.

"But I am not going to wait for 2013 to get a green card," she said. Camacho lost her husband of 20 years last year, even before they could process her green card.

She said she and her husband didn't think that immigration will not undergo this change so they didn't bother to process her green card for 20 years. Now she faces a loss of status after Nov. 27 if she doesn't obtain her green card or does not ask for parole to allow her more time to do so.

Camacho said she came to Saipan in 1986 to work as a house worker and later on as a room attendant at the Hyatt. She now runs a small vegetable business.

Back in October, USCIS said nonresidents could not be granted parole to remain in the CNMI beyond Nov. 27 if they do not have an employer that will petition them for a Commonwealth-only worker, or CW, status, by Nov. 27.

Without a pending CW application filed by their employer by Nov. 27,

they could lose status to remain in the CNMI and face deportation.

Bautista, Mangahas, and others who are in their situation said, however, that there's no harm in asking for humanitarian parole, based on their experience.

"And there's no money involved here. You don't need to pay to get parole," said Bautista.

Nonresidents interviewed yesterday said they're also hoping that USCIS will grant "parole status for all" nonresidents until Congress grants improved status to long-term foreign workers. This is among the reasons why many foreign workers have been holding a vigil near the USCIS office in Garapan.

Less than 1,000 foreign workers of the estimated 13,399 eligible for CW status have so far been petitioned by their employers as of Nov. 10. With the Nov. 27 deadline drawing near, desperate jobless nonresidents are falling prey to illegal sponsorship deals just so they can be petitioned for a CW status and remain in the CNMI despite not having a real, paid job waiting for them.



# Fitial admin approves Aetna's rate hike proposal

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REPORTER

Retirees and active government employees will now pay a higher premium for health insurance after the Fitial administration approved the rate hike proposal of Aetna Global during a meeting between parties yesterday.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Executive Branch opted to adopt the two recommendations submitted by the insurance carrier, both with increases in premium rates.

The new rates will take effect this month.

Demapan disclosed that un-

der the new proposal, government employees will have a high option and low option to choose from.

In the high option, which has 80/20 percent sharing between the government and the member, the premium will increase by 18.54 percent. The low option, which is a 70/30 percent sharing, will have an 8.73 percent increase.

"Both options will be made available for government employees to choose from during the open enrollment period that will begin at the end of this month. So it is up to the individual to select which coverage

option they would like," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite the increases, Demapan said the administration looked into the benefits incorporated in the proposals.

"While the administration is concerned to see such rate hikes, the administration is also pleased to see benefit changes accorded by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," he said.

Among these are the no annual maximum, no lifetime plan maximum, and the coverage of dependents up to age 26 regardless of student/residence/marital status.

Demapan said another added

benefit is the addition of Net-Care Philippines providers, which includes St. Luke's Medical Center, Makati Medical Center, and others. Access will include physicians associated with each of these facilities.

Aetna Global's rate hike proposal is still being scrutinized by the CNMI Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to see if it complies with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Acting Commerce secretary Sixto Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune* Tuesday that a response from the federal agency is ex-

pected very soon.

Any insurance carrier wanting to increase its rates has to get the approval of Commerce's Insurance Commission Office.

Aetna Global's contract as insurance carrier for Fund members was supposed to expire on Nov. 1 but this was postponed to January 2012.



Demapan

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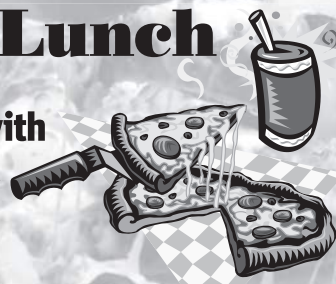
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## »Thoughts and feelings of Lorraine Babauta: job seeker

*Editor's Note: The following story, as related to Frank Gibson, is part of a continuing series of stories related to the effects of the new federal immigration policy, as seen from the perspective of people who will be affected by those changes.*

All I want is for someone to give me a chance. I'm not applying for specialized jobs, or supervisory or management jobs. I'm just applying for basic positions, even entry-level spots, where I can show what I am capable of and, hopefully, move up from there. Waitress, clerk, receptionist, store helper, pre-school teacher or teacher aide, childcare, cashier, or housekeeper—I can clean and dust with the best.

It's not that I don't have experience. I graduated from Mariana High School and worked for PSS as a teacher's aide for nine years, took a couple of years off, and worked with them again for another seven years. I was Teacher Aide of the Year one year and Overall Teacher Aide the next. I loved working with kids—and would love to do it again.

I went to the U.S. mainland and worked for Walmart as a sales associate for about a year. So I do have experience—perhaps not the exact experience asked for in every job I apply for—but, let's be real, Walmart didn't require me to have 3-5 years of floor-sales experience before they hired me!

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Oh, yes, I've seen the requirements in the ads—I hate to think of how many ads that I've read—or heard. If you believe the ads, there is not a single job in the Commonwealth that can be filled without 1-2 or even up to 10 years of experience and all sorts of extraordinary requirements that you couldn't possibly have without having worked for years in the job. No wonder our kids leave home for the military or laze around doing nothing. There aren't any jobs for them to start with here at home!

And this is my home. When I was back in the States, my family asked me, "Why do you want to go back to Saipan. There's nothing there for you." I came back because this is my home. I missed being here. Nowhere else feels the same to me as my home. Still, I got back in August and I've been looking for a job since then. It seems as if my home doesn't feel as happy to see me here as I felt about being back.

Do I blame this on the non-resident workers? No, not at all. They aren't the cause of this. I'm not sure who is, but I know it's not them. They're just like me, trying to work and take care

of their families. A lot of my friends are from elsewhere. We get along fine—we respect each other. I've worked alongside other nationalities, both here and in the States, and I would be happy to do it again. Yes, I know that if I get hired, someone else might lose their job. It's not what I want, and I would be sorry for them, but I didn't make the laws that we all have to live by. That's not my doing, anymore than it's their fault that I don't have a job. I am losing friends and I will miss them.

I've been trying hard to get a job since I got back. I've registered with the Department of Labor and they are trying. I bug them all of the time—every day—and refer to myself as "their worst nightmare." But they are trying and have been getting my application out. I can't even guess at how many I've dropped off. I think I've applied at all of the hotels and most of the stores, Joeten, Herman's Bakery, and many others. Everywhere I go, I ask if they have any openings. I went to both job fairs and filled out lots of applications. I never heard back from most companies. In all of this time I've only had a couple of interviews. I applied at one hotel before their ad, so I wasn't considered and, *Ooops*, then I was too late to apply for the ad. I applied for other hotels after the job fair, and I understand they have already interviewed, but I wasn't called. I did interview earlier with the Hyatt, and I thank them, and I had to carry plates and utensils and set a table. I was so nervous that my hands were shaking and I could hear the plates and

things rattling. The funny thing is, the next day I was helping to set up and was carrying platters of food at the *Jesus Kristo Tuna* festival—but, of course, that wasn't the Hyatt.

It's all very frustrating—sometimes I break down and cry because I don't know what is going to happen to me. Then I get over it and tell myself that tomorrow is another day and something good will happen. I'm actually an optimist and try to always look on the bright side. I'm on food stamps for the first time in my life, and while I'm grateful for it, I want to get off so someone with a greater need can benefit from it. Like I said, I want to believe that Alfred, Manny, Radbert, and the others at Labor will be successful in helping me find a job. I do appreciate their efforts and thank them for it—and for putting up with my calls.

Let's face reality, though. Things are getting tough. I have to support myself. I don't want to have to depend on anyone else to do that for me. Why am I not getting interviews? I don't really know. I guess it's because I don't fulfill all of the ad requirements. I'm competent. I'm outgoing and energetic. I'm presentable: neat, clean, and polite. I enjoy working with and helping people. I'm not shy or afraid to talk with others. Some say I talk too much.

So—my final words? This is my home. I'm here for the long haul. Try me—you'll like me. Give Alfred a call at CNMI Labor—he definitely knows who I am.

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## Open house at Sandy Beach Homes for Section 8

Sandy Beach Homes, the newest residential rental complex in Saipan, will hold a special open house for Section 8 housing allowance voucher holders tomorrow, Nov. 19, from 8am to 12pm.

Visitors should park at the designated parking area south of the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel and follow the signs to the model home on the second floor.

Construction on the six-story, 60-unit project is scheduled for completion next month and will be open for occupancy on Jan. 1, 2012, to applicants who meet income and other eligibility requirements.

"We want to make clear that Sandy Beach Homes, itself, cannot issue Section 8 vouchers, but we expect to pass inspection in December and become a certified

housing provider for families who already have vouchers," said Bob Jones, managing partner of Sandy Beach Homes. "Our open house will give these families a chance to see if they would like to become a part of our Sandy Beach community."



The Sandy Beach Homes complex sits in the heart of Chalan Kanoa, with several stores, banks, schools, churches and the main post office located within walking distance.

The opportunity to stay at Sandy Beach Homes is open to all legal CNMI residents, including non-U.S. citizens and non-Section 8 recipients, as long as income and other eligibility requirements are met. Families or unrelated individuals may apply as a household.

"We have high standards for our residents, with community rules and regula-

tions that must be followed," said Jones. "Our goal is to provide all our residents with a safe, secure, and comfortable community, where they can live in a nice home while they work at improving their lives."

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Applications, a list of required documents, and details about the homes can be found at [www.sandybeachhomes.net](http://www.sandybeachhomes.net). For more information, e-mail the leasing office at [leasing@sandybeachhomes.net](mailto:leasing@sandybeachhomes.net) or call 235-7263 (SAND). (PR)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 18, 2002

### Failed firm gets another lawsuit

Another lawsuit was filed against a company that lost the bidding for the Marpi landfill and Saipan prison projects, in an attempt to compel the firm to settle unpaid money. The civil action further exacerbated the already beleaguered financial condition of the Western Equipment, Inc., which was earlier reported to have already ceased operations. Consolidated Transportation Services Inc. is now suing the company for allegedly failing to pay for services. "On several occasions between March 31, 2001 to May 9, 2002, the defendant shipped various cargo through the plaintiff. The accumulated charges amounted to \$3,928.79," said Consolidated Transportation lawyer Matthew Gregory.

### Angello revives grievance vs NMC

Terminated Northern Marianas College personnel Jack Angello said he has revived his unresolved grievances against an NMC official. Angello, former NMC vocational education and technical training director, in an interview, said he believes that his grievances, which he filed as early as 1999, had something to do with his termination on Sept. 24. Angello said a grievance committee hearing has been scheduled for Nov. 26. "I'm grateful that I'd finally have an opportunity to have my case resolved," he said. Angello said he earlier agreed "to conditionally withdraw" his grievance upon the request of newly installed NMC president Kenneth Wright who, he said, had wanted to settle the matter outside the appeals committee.

Nov. 18, 2003

### Govt mulls salary increase for DPS, DPH

Speaking before the newly promoted police officers during a ceremony Friday, Babauta said the administration is closely working with the Office of the Personnel Management to study a salary restructuring procedure. Babauta said that included in the salary restructuring are the departments of Public Safety and Public Health, and the Customs and Immigration divisions. "We are working with the OPM to look into a salary restructuring method so that we can come up with a salary structure that is fitting for everyone," the governor said.

### Rota pursuing other alternatives

With the failure of the Rota casino initiative to muster enough votes for ratification, Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona said the island's search for other forms of investment continues, in a bid to spur the local economy. The Rota official is seriously seeking for investors willing to venture into the development of retirement homes, convention center or a cultural center in the First Senatorial District. "We can't just bang on one industry and not explore the other. I was hoping that it [casino] would be a fast way of stirring up the Rota economy. Since it failed, the people don't want to fight, then we got to start looking for other source of economic development, which we will be doing," Manglona said yesterday.

Nov. 18, 2004

### Utility assistance program doles out over \$22K

Over 100 power bills on Saipan have been cleared through the Saipan Mayor's Office Utility Assistance Program, with total subsidies amounting to a little over \$22,000. According to Mayor's Office staff David Rosario, about 129 power bills from low-income households have been cleared, several of which included reconnection fees that amount to a total of \$22,250. Numbers are from April 5, 2004 to yesterday. Rosario said interested low-income households can still avail of the assistance until all funds for the program are depleted. The program was awarded \$30,000 for this year, with the first half arriving in April and the remaining received by the office in mid-July.

### 50-plus alien workers worry about wages owed them

Over 50 former workers of a now defunct garment company complained yesterday about a Department of Labor order giving them 45 days to transfer to new employers, saying it provided no assurance that they will get their wage claims. Some of the N.E.T. Corp. workers also decried the Labor Hearing Office's instruction that disallows them from being hired by employers other than the garment industry. Issued on Nov. 15, the order resolves the compliance agency case that arose from the April closure of N.E.T. Corp., which did business as Pacific Coast. In the order, hearing officer Herbert D. Soll said all the 364 known employees of N.E.T. Corp. are "entitled to other garment industry employment."

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# Japanese group to hold fundraising show on Saipan anew

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REPORTER

The popular Japanese country music group from Akasaka, G GAP, is on Saipan once more to hold a benefit show for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that wreaked havoc in Japan last March.

G GAP Live in Saipan will be staged at the Country House Restaurant in Garapan on Nov. 18 and 19.

Guests can choose to watch the Dinner Time live show from 5:30pm to 8:30pm for a local rate of \$25 per person and tourist rate of \$35 per person. Both rates include one drink.

Tickets for the Cocktail Time live show, which include one drink and appetizer from 9pm to end of show, are priced at \$25 per person for local residents and \$35 per person for tourists.

To avail of local rates, guests must present a valid ID by the entrance.

There is also an option for the combined Dinner & Cocktail Time Live show, inclusive of two drinks and appetizer, for only \$40 per person. Tickets are limited.

Formed in 2000, G GAP is composed of Ryuji Hirao, guitar and vocals; Naomi Amemiya, electronic guitar

and vocals; Yuichiro Nagasaka, bass and vocals; Keigo Nakajima, drums and vocals; and Yasuharu Muranaka, pedal steel guitar.

G GAP, which also performs English '80s and '90s rock music, first came to the island in April, after which they were encouraged to hold another show, said Country House general administrator

Kay Irinaka.

"It's going to be exciting because their fans from Japan coordinated their own tour and will be here for the show," Irinaka told *Saipan Tribune*.

Irinaka also disclosed that G GAP will shoot the cover for their latest album during their trip. "Since their first show, they really had a connection with the island," she added.

Irinaka encouraged the community to support the show and noted that the event will help encourage more visitors from Japan once it recovers from the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami.

"This show will help the CNMI also, mainly because the fans who are coming are first-time visitors. People will then start to have interest to come to Saipan through this event," she said.

## Applications for Cool Roof Rebate Program on hold

Effective immediately, residential applications and vendor participation packets for the CNMI Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program are no longer being accepted until further notice, according to the CNMI Department of Public Works' Division of Energy Office yesterday. For additional information, contact the Energy Office at 664-4486/7/9/90 or visit its website at [www.cnmienergy.com](http://www.cnmienergy.com). (DPW)

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## The ubiquitous scourge

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There are few things more inescapable in American life than the TV screen.

Sitting at the lounge at the airport, there is CNN Headline News overhead, invariably blaring. In the back of New York City cabs, there is a little screen playing stale TV news clips. In waiting rooms, in elevators, in the back of people's cars and in practically every room in the American home, there it is—insistent, noisy, the background track to our lives.

Television is the most ubiquitous and insidious force in everyday American life. If it were a drug, it'd be illegal, and federal agents would be raiding the studios of the networks.

Ben Berger of Swarthmore College notes that in 1950 less than 10 percent of U.S. households owned a television. Today, in the average American household, TVs outnumber people. It's now considered a deprivation to be limited to watching "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" only in the family den. As of 2009, we were watching more TV than ever—on average, more than five hours a day.

TV can be entertaining and even informative. At times of national tragedy—the JFK assassination, Sept. 11—it draws us together in a web of immediate shared images. As a general matter, though, TV is the Love Canal of our culture. It's a conduit for all that is low and toxic.

If there were ever a concerted public campaign against TV, its architects could legitimately claim to wage it—in that inevitable rationale for all do-goodism—"for the children." The University of Michigan Health System reports that kids ages 2-5 spend on average 32 hours a week in front of a TV. Among 8- to 18-year-olds, 71 percent have a TV in their bedroom (and they spend on average 1.5 hours a day more watching TV than kids without a TV in the bedroom).

Watching TV is worse than a mindless activity, since mere mindlessness needn't be harmful. "Excessive TV viewing can contribute to poor grades, sleep problems, behavior problems, obesity, and risky behavior," according to the University of Michigan.

Berger cites a 2010 study from Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine that found that among toddlers "every additional hour of television exposure" eventually means decreases in "classroom engagement ... math achievement ... time spent doing weekend physical activity ... and activities involving physical effort," and increases in "victimization by classmates ... consumption scores for soft drinks and snacks ... and body mass index." The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids 2 and younger avoid TV—and everything else on a screen—altogether.

For the rest of us, that is all but impossible. It speaks to the power of TV that even when what's on doesn't truly interest you, it's hard to take your eyes off it. It literally demands our attention. The only defense is fewer TVs and more of them turned off. That's surely too much to hope for in a culture long ago utterly conquered by the TV screen.

## Sits

(AFTER 'ZITS'—WITH APOLOGIES  
TO JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORIGMAN)

## The oil zombie

I hate it when the real world intrudes on my happy little bubble, but I just got a couple of calls about oil prices. That's always something to heed given that fuel is a giant chunk of family budgets in the Commonwealth. So, let's see what this story is all about.

Ah, here we go: West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil climbed through the \$100 mark yesterday, a five-month high. When things hit a round-number gig like that, everybody starts yakking about it, and then they call their friends, who in turn also start yakking about it, and so on.

Oil is like a zombie. Just when you think you can turn your back on it, the spooky music starts playing and it jumps at you again. As of yesterday WTI stood at \$102.59 a barrel, up \$3.22, or 3.2 percent, for the day.

That puts it up about 25 percent from one year ago. However, earlier this year prices were also above the \$100 mark, so it remains to be seen if we're dealing with a trend here or just mere fluctuations.

On related fronts things were pretty tame yesterday. Brent crude, another important benchmark, actually fell in price by \$1.48 a barrel.

I took a look at unleaded gasoline futures for December, and they were up 4 cents a gallon, or 1.6 percent.

Overall, I think the little spike in WTI isn't a reason to worry about things. And taking a silver lining approach, it's a good excuse to look at the situation now, the better to have our heads around the gig in case oil really does start climbing again. So let's get out the beach chairs and get economic about stuff.

OK, first order of inquiry: Why all the jumpy people? Maybe because when oil prices make headlines, everyone reflectively worries about the wacky situation in the Middle East. After all, the war of words with Iran seems to be on the upswing again. The worries, of course, are that the Persian Gulf oil shipping lanes might get walloped if things take a turn for the nasty.

The tongues, they are a wagging on this note. I read one recent estimate that Iran on a war footing could shut down the Gulf for anywhere from one week to a few months.

Well, any which way, weeks, months, today, tomorrow, next month, next year, never, whatever, whenever, Old Elvis, Young Elvis, I doubt anyone can price this risk accurately. I'm sure it's a large component of oil prices, maybe even the largest. That sounds a little weird, but the fact is that commodity prices are not driven by today's reality, but are driven by expectations about what will happen in the future.

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In other words, the time line points backwards: Today's price does not drive the future price, but, instead, the future price drives today's price, and that future price is largely built on risk.

In a world with no uncertainty, this wouldn't be the case. Indeed, in a certain world we could merely take the current price of a commodity, add some factors for storage costs and interest rates, and thus derive the future price. A trained monkey could do it.

But the real world is full of uncertainty, which is to say, risk, thus inspiring buyers and sellers of commodities to trade forward and lock into prices in order to avoid risk. The people who buy that risk are, of course, pricing their activity based on just that: risk. Anyway, that's why these prices flow from the future back to the present instead of the other way around.

It's logical, but probably not intuitive.

Outside of the war risk thing, I don't see much reason to expect oil prices to climb right away, but the world is a complicated place, so what I see isn't much of the picture. But I do wonder, smugly ensconced in my beach chair, just who is going to buy all that expensive oil? Americans and Europeans are going to be too broke to drive cars once their Ha-Ha debt gets laughed off the planet Earth. The Chinese? They're the ones holding the Ha-Ha debt. And, furthermore, they've probably got other problems to contend with next year. India? Brazil? Well, pick your country, pick your oil demand, and place your bets.

My bet is that I'm not making any bets, not on this, not now. I think there's a lot of risk coming up in 2012, and there are so many cross-currents that I've got no idea how things are going to come out in the wash.

Bottom line: The oil zombie might be stirring but he's not awake again, so yesterday's action might drive gas prices up by only a few cents, if that. However, the trend has been up for the past few months, so I'll keep listening for the spooky music just in case.





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## Salute to true leadership

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It is said that leaders don't fly with the flock; they usually fly alone as they carry their vision forward, having assessed everything before them with conviction. Familiar with his vision and mission, he finds it second nature communicating it to the team.

This is what my soft-spoken and humble friend Jerry Tan did when he and Tan Holdings, the family business, hatched the economic venture Saipan Air. He saw a dire need—the economic chaos and disaster if the tourism industry disintegrates out of negligence and what it would take to reverse any further deterioration of tourism here.

He put his best foot forward to salvage it and the prognosis of being successful in this venture looks very promising. This is because the answer is to provide the means—airline—to bring in visitors from our largest market, Japan.

Jerry is very community oriented and pitches in where it counts the most. He's done exceedingly well as a member of the Northern Marianas College Foundation and in the promotion of global sports for our young people NMI-wide. Definitely a real leader with strong business ethics, he deserves the accolades of the entire NMI community.

For all your quiet, though powerful, leadership, Jerry, *Si Yuus Maase*! At least there's real hope in reviving the tourism industry with rock solid paradigm from a man with real business acumen, commitment, and vision.

Jerry is trail-blazing a path where the benefits he brings from his vision to salvage an industry crumbling at the base would benefit everyone! It's our last economic pillar. This ought to give sustenance and hope for tourism revival after baseless and myopic marketing of the NMI where the simple answer is an airline to ferry passengers here! Jerry, flying alone has brought forth the real answer. Once again, *Si Yuus Maase*!

### Natural vs civil rights

Your rights, "natural versus civil" rights: it's important to understand

## Ponzimonium out there

By **BART CHILTON**

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Every day, someone is scammed by a con artist. It's occurring more than ever according to government data. Slick fraudsters, masters of deception, and outright crooks are at it every day, all day, trying to get your money.

For example, according to emails, you'd think I'm one fortunate fellow. A large inheritance from a distant relative I didn't even know may be coming my way. My email address won a lottery worth several million (although I've not entered any contest). The money will help because a woman wrote about her botched surgery in Peru. She needs cash to get healthy. She will be forever indebted once I help out. Sounds like a good trade. I thought these and other emails seemed suspicious, but I'm also a beneficiary of a scam fraud fund for folks who have been robbed by schemers of one sort or another. So, I've got that going for me.

None of these ever work out, yet people fall for the cons all the time.

We recall the Bernie Madoff scandal from 2008—where for years he actually made off with an estimated \$50 billion—in the mother of all Ponzi schemes. It's Ponzimonium out there and people need to be on extra special alert to avoid swindlers' webs.

One thing folks can do is get educated. Financial literacy is the key to not becoming a victim. The website mymoney.gov is a place to start. Also, in the new book *Ponzimonium: How Scam Artists Are Ripping Off America*, I lay out 20 Red Flags of Fraud and provide an investors' check list to use before investing. For more information, go to the Government Printing Office bookstore at gpo.gov.

Here are a few of those Red Flags:

1. If it sounds too good to be true, it is.
2. The investment promises little or no risk of loss or promises you won't lose money.
3. Profits or rates of return on an investment are guaranteed re-

the difference, especially as it pertains to the fallacies of Article 12. Various authors affiliated with Heritage Foundation have presented well-written essays on these two issues: "natural" or God-given rights and "civil" rights, the latter granted by the government.

Although both natural rights and human rights are universal, there are fundamental differences between the two.

"First of all, natural inalienable rights do not come from government. Governments only secure these rights, that is, they create the political conditions that allow one to exercise them. Human rights on the other hand are bestowed by the state and have become a catchall term for anything we desire and deem important. As a result, whereas natural rights (such as life, liberty, and property) are rights that government protects from infringement by others, human rights (such as "housing" and "leisure") are often things that government is obligated to provide.

"Secondly, natural rights, being natural, do not change over time. All men, at all times, have the same right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Human rights, on the other hand, constantly change. A whole cottage industry has sprung up to advance an array of new 'economic and social rights' conceived of, defined by, and promoted by government and international bureaucrats.

"Natural rights are those inalienable rights that directly result from human nature. Men possess these rights, such as the right to one's own life and the right to liberty, simply by virtue of being human. Since natural rights automatically belong to all humans, government can neither give them nor take them away. Governments do, however, have an obligation to secure the natural rights of their citizens.

"Civil rights—such as the freedom of the press, the right to vote, or the right to a trial by jury—are rights granted by governments to allow citizens the proper enjoyment of their natural rights. For example, you cannot enjoy your natural right to liberty if the government denies you the right to vote. It makes no sense to speak of a natural right to vote—since voting only occurs in a political context—but you could see how your natural rights would be jeopardized if these civil rights were infringed. Because these rights stem from society rather than nature, they are called "civil rights."

"The right to property is the natural right to acquire, own, and use property. Property rights form not only the basis for a free market economy, but also for republican self-government, deeply intertwined as they are with human liberty. To be free is to exert one's talents in the pursuit of happiness, and property rights are a fundamental requirement for securing the just rewards of one's labor. According to the Founders, property rights also formed the



ardless of the direction of markets.

4. The investment is difficult to understand or incomprehensible.

5. There is a need for secrecy. Not being able to get written information about a potential investment should raise suspicions.

Bottom line: be super suspicious and exceptionally careful. It is your hard-earned money.

I've gotta run here. Another email just arrived. It appears a rich princess is distressed and needs assistance. She seems nice and calls me "Dear Beloved."

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cornerstone of a commercial republic: When a man has a bit of property—a home, a piece of land, his own source of food and security—he can be independent, and therefore free.

"To grasp the full breadth of the concept of property rights, property must be seen less as a static possession and more as the dynamic source of opportunity for all—the engine that allows liberty, prosperity, and civil society to flourish. When property rights are secure and markets operate freely, economics is not a zero-sum game where people make a dollar by taking it from someone else, but rather a formidable way to create wealth and raise the standard of living of all."

With the landownership being a natural right, it stands to reason therefore that Article 12 cannot arbitrarily deny private landowners what's theirs as a God-given right. In short, it can't turn "natural" rights into "civil" rights in that we've never given up what's ours. There is all the more reason to repeal Article 12 in its entirety. It's an arbitrary infringement and violation of our rights to complete landownership. After all, governments have an obligation to secure the natural rights of their citizens. It opens the way to have the court declare it null and void!

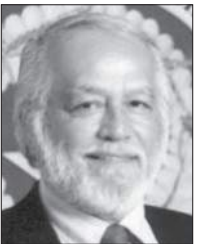
## 2PSCom? No. 5

By **STANLEY T.**

**MCGINNIS TORRES**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The Second Political Status Commission will have very specific goals and responsibilities. They are to take a hard look at our current relationship with the U.S. They are to examine the interpretations the U.S. has made of the Covenant document. They are ordered to research all feasible alternatives to our current political and economic status and make recommendations that will be voted on by the citizens. These alternatives are to touch on improved political status and economic status also. These alternatives can range from complete independence from any political state, independence in free association with the U.S., maintaining the current status quo (doing nothing), status as a territory or state of the U.S., or any other alternatives they may wish to examine.

The Commission is ordered to reexamine whether continuing the "commonwealth" status with the U.S. is still in the best interest of the Northern Marianas people. They are tasked to find any other forms of political status that would better enable the people's aspirations to full and meaningful self-government.

The Commission is empowered to conduct studies, conduct political education, conduct polls and from that data they are to make their findings and recommendations.

The Commission is empowered to employ secretaries, legal counsel, consultants, or other staff necessary to their assigned task but they must follow all hiring and procurement laws and regulations. All employees and consultants are to be hired based on merit, skill, and knowledge only.

The Commission is required by law to submit periodic reports to the Legislature at least every three months and is also required to submit a final report with their findings and recommendations no later than 18 months after beginning the job assigned to them. Public hearings on Saipan, Tinian, and on Rota must be conducted prior to submitting the final report so the public can comment on the proposed draft report.

Once the final report is received by our Legislature, they are to approve it within 30 days (or send it back for rework). Once it has been accepted the report is to be forwarded to the Election Commission where it is to be submitted to the citizens of the Northern Marianas Islands for adoption in a plebiscite vote within four to six months.

If the commission recommends no change, there will be no vote. If the commission recommends more than one possible status change the people will vote to choose among them. If no clear winner is counted a run-off vote will be held within 45 days after the first vote.






Next week we'll see some of what inspired the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Political Status Commission. We'll look at what the politicians and the bureaucrats on the "inside" of the Trust Territory were thinking and what they did to get the result they wanted. We will look at early agendas and motivations and see what has changed. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments about this article at 664-8903 or rep.torress@cnmileg.gov.mp.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 20 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 20 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 85° ▼ 77°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Yap	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Majuro	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 80

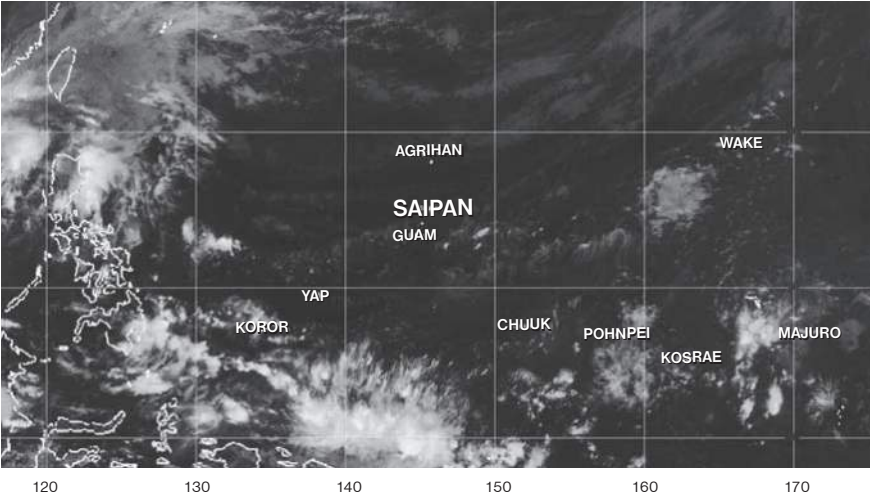
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 63 ▼ 57
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 36
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 47
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 68 ▼ 50
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 63
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 71
New York	Showers	▲ 47 ▼ 33
Osaka	Rain	▲ 63 ▼ 62
Paris	Fog	▲ 50 ▼ 39
Pusan	Rain	▲ 71 ▼ 60
Rome	Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 40
Salem	Showers	▲ 46 ▼ 38
San Francisco	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 53
Seoul	Rain	▲ 62 ▼ 53
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 60
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 47 ▼ 33

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
6:26 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
1:47 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

In the Marianas and north of 10N, high pressure dominates with fresh to strong trade winds prevailing. Several shear lines extend into the tropics that result from cold fronts originating farther to the north. Scattered showers are found along a shear line entering the forecast area near Minami Torishima. The showers reach southwestward from 25N155E to 22N145E and finally to 25N130E. Another line of scattered showers passes over the Northern CNMI from 25N160E to 19N145E to 20N130E. Finally a third line of showers starts southwest of Wake Island near 16N163E and passes near Guam at 13N144E to end at 13N130E. Portions of this last line contain isolated thunderstorms within 150 miles of 16N162E and also within 50 miles of the line west of 133E. Both of these areas of showers are enhanced by an upper-level trough over the region. In the deep tropics scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Palau within the equatorial trough from the equator to 5N between 130E and 146E. The strongest concentration of showers is currently located between 136E and 146E farther to the east. Pockets of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located south of Pohnpei and Chuuk from 2N to 6N between 151E and 160E and also over the Marshalls south of Kwajalein from 4N to 8N between 166E and 170E. Both of these areas are being enhanced by weak troughing in the trade-wind convergence.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:08 PM	11:15 AM
Friday		11:59 AM
Saturday	12:03 AM	12:42 PM
Sunday	1:54 AM	2:10 PM
Monday	2:53 AM	2:57 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05062	2:10am	2:40am	1, 5	C05064	5:15am	5:45am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05064	4:15am	4:50am	1, 5	C05062	3:10am	3:45am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05070	4:15am	5:45am	1, 5 via ROP	C05062	2:10am	3:45am	1, 5 via ROP
C05070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily	C05071	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05078	6:50pm	7:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05077	5:30pm	6:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05078	7:00pm	7:50pm	3, 6	C05077	5:40pm	6:30pm	3, 6
C05072	9:55pm	10:45pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05079	8:35pm	9:25pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05072	10:05pm	10:55pm	3, 6	C05079	8:45pm	9:35pm	3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:35am	7:05am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	1:15am+1	Daily via NRT
C05070/191	4:35am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	CO190/5077	10:55am	6:30pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:25pm	Daily via NRT	CO190/5079	10:55am	9:35pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05068/183	8:25am	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C05068/183	8:25am	9:40pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C05076/183	3:10pm	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM	PR110/C05071	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 4, 7 via GUM	CO192/5071	10:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05076/193	3:10pm	11:00pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	CO184/5071	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C05072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am	1, 5 via GUM	CO184/5071	11:59pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
C05072/PR111	10:05pm	7:50am	3, 6 via GUM				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C05076/179	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/723	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN	CO180/5071	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# Deadline nears for Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship

The Northern Marianas College would like to remind students that the deadline to apply for the scholarship offered by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation is Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation recently announced that it will be providing 10 students of the Northern Marianas College \$1,000 scholarships that can be applied to the spring and/or summer 2012 semesters. The scholarship program aims to award five full-time students pursuing an Associate's in Applied Science degree in Hospitality Management, and five full-time students pursuing other degrees at NMC. In addition to hospitality management, the college offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resources

management, criminal justice, and education.

"We are very proud to offer this scholarship to help students in the CNMI pursue their education at the Northern Marianas College," said TSL Foundation president and chief of operations Jerry Tan. "We need to build our local workforce with skilled and knowledgeable individuals and this scholarship is one of the ways the Tan Siu Lin Foundation is advancing that mission."

The Tan Holdings Foundation was formed in 2002 and was renamed after the company's founder and chairman, Dr. Tan Siu Lin. Through the years, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation has launched initiatives and built trusted partnerships with a diverse array of individuals,

families, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. These partners represent many different backgrounds and income levels. The main mission of the organization is to better serve the regions in which they operate thus making the communities a better

place to live.

"We would like to thank the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for their continued support of higher education in the CNMI," said NMC president Sharon Y. Hart. "This scholarship will definitely help our students move toward accomplishing their educational

and professional goals."

The scholarships are based on merit and will be awarded to the recipient on the basis of the candidate's community involvement, academic background, and letters of recommendation. The essay and interview will also play a key role in the final selec-

tion of scholarship recipients.

Applications and additional information are available for download on [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu) and for pick up at the NMC Financial Aid Office. For more information or inquiries, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526. (NMC)

## SDA to host Thanksgiving 60K bike ride fundraiser

The 7th and 8th Graders of the Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School is holding a Thanksgiving bike ride fundraiser at Saipan SDA School on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011.

The race starts at Saipan SDA School, San Antonio across the Mayor's Office. Registration starts at 5:30am and the race starts at 6:30am. Entry fee is \$10 per person.

The 60-km route is from Saipan SDA School in San Antonio across SDA School, to

Airport, Chalan Talofofo, Kingfisher, Isa Drive, Capital Hill, Radar Tower, Beach Road, and back to SDA School.

The 30-km route is from Saipan SDA School, San Antonio to the Airport, Chalan Talofofo, Capital Hill, Beach Road to SDA School.

A children's race will be at the back road of Saipan SDA School.

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# NMC introduces new 'intersession semester'

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The Northern Marianas College will be offering a limited number of courses under a new semester that will be held three weeks in December this year.

An NMC statement said the intersession semester is ideal for those who need just one or two courses to graduate or for those who want to lighten their academic load.

Registration for intersession semester starts on Dec. 1 to 2 while instruction begins on Dec. 5. Based on the college sched-

ule, the last instructional day is slated for Dec. 29 while final examinations are due on Dec. 30 and 31.

New students will be allowed to enroll for this new session while those with outstanding balances and those who are suspended for academic reasons after the fall semester of 2011 are barred from enrolling.

Due to the intensity of course content covered during the three-week session, each course will be scheduled over at least three days Monday through Friday.

Similar to the fall and spring

semesters, financial aid will be available to students if they choose to enroll in classes during the intersession period.

"Students who complete the FAFSA and have received a Pell Grant award for the fall 2011 term should be eligible for a Pell grant award for the December 2011 intersession equivalent to approximately 12.5 percent the amount you received during the fall 2011 term. However, any Pell grant used to support your enrollment during the intersession will be deducted from your award for the spring 2012 term. All students who received a College Access Challenge Grant Scholarship for the fall 2011 term will also receive an additional award to support

their enrollment during the intersession," the NMC statement explained.

Because of the short semester session, absences of more than 10 percent of classes may be considered grounds for a failing grade, the college stated. For a three-credit course during the December 2011 intersession, 10 percent of class time amounts to about 1.5 scheduled classes.

NMC said the use of attendance as a component of the student grade is at the discretion of the instructor for the course and should be stated on the student course syllabus.

For the support services available during intersession, Counseling Programs and Services will offer academic tutorial services for English, Math,

Science, and other related writing courses at its offices in Bldg. I. The Olympio T. Borja Library and Curriculum Resource Center will also have regular hours for research help and study space. The Open Computer Lab in Building V will remain open during regular business hours for access to computers and printing. NMC said all other services will remain open on a limited basis, including planned closures during holidays.

NMC said the grades that students will earn during the December 2011 intersession will count toward their cumulative GPA. The college, however, will not recognize students for academic achievement (i.e., honors, dean's list, etc.) during the intersession.

## 3 Rota, 4 Saipan beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged Rota's Kokomo Beach, Mobil storm drain, and District 2 storm drain, and Saipan's central repair shop, DPW channel bridge, south Puerto Rico dump, and CK District 4 drainage and is advising

the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (entero-

cocci), which can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Rota and 38 on Saipan this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 18th birthday to our juju bear/princess, Julia Margret C. Salas! We love you! Greetings come from your Villagomez and Salas families and Concepcion and Crisostomo families.

Happy birthday greetings go out to Levonnie Delia N. Pua! May God bless you with many more birthdays to come your way. Shoutout comes from Daddy, Mommy, Loujessvina, and families.

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# Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel marks first year with promos

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REPORTER

Keeping a business afloat in tough times is never easy, but Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel has weathered its first year under new management by staying true to its vision to be the "ultimate tropical getaway."

The 20-suite, eight-garden room hotel, strategically located in what was once the island's capital, will be celebrating this milestone on Sunday, Nov. 20, with an array of promotions for its ever growing clientele.

"Our anniversary specials are our way to express our deepest appreciation to all our customers who have supported us in the past year, allowing us to remain in this business and continue to serve the community," said chef Rod Gabriel in an interview.

Gabriel heads a nine-member team at the hotel's Restaurant & Bar Five-O, and is joined by some six more staffers who all make sure that Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel stays on top of its game.

The anniversary promotions, Gabriel said, will be highlighted by an extensive lunch buffet this Sunday. The buffet features an assorted selection of soup, salad, appetizers, *pika pika*, pasta, and main courses.

For a reasonable price of just \$14.95 per person, diners can savor the restaurant's own recipes of potato cream soup,



CLARISSA V. DAVID

The 20-suite, eight-garden room Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel celebrates its first year under new management.

chicken *kelaguen*, kimchi, burritos, seafood pasta, Aglio olio pasta, roast beef, garlic vegetable, ribs and chicken barbecue, pork with black beans sauce, garlic butter shrimp, and sweet and sour fish.

The buffet, which will run from 11am to 2pm, includes desserts like ice cream, mixed fruits, and homemade cookies, as well as bottomless drinks (soda, juice, iced tea, and champagne to celebrate the occasion).

Customers who made a minimum purchase of \$10 at the res-

taurant from Nov. 1 to 20 will also be given raffle tickets for a chance to win exciting prizes, including breakfast and lunch certificates and a weekend getaway at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel.

"We will draw the raffle winners during our anniversary lunch buffet on Sunday," Gabriel said, adding that raffle holders need not be present to win.

Buffet customers can also use the hotel facilities, including the swimming pool and the tennis/volleyball court. Gabriel said

pool passes, which can also be used at the restaurant, are available for sale for \$7 per child and \$10 per adult.

As part of their anniversary celebration, Gabriel said they are offering for the month of November happy hour prices or 50 percent discount on all items on their drinks menu and 30 percent discount on all *a la carte* items on the food menu.

Among their must-try dishes, Gabriel said, are the Hawaiian Basket or the Hawaiian-style fried chicken, their creamy Carbonara, and the Loco Moco or hamburger patties cooked in white sauce.

Gabriel noted that diners can still avail of their daily breakfast and lunch specials. Local rates for hotel rooms also apply.

"This is our way of saying thank you for our customers' patronage," said Gabriel. "We hope that our relationship will

carry on for more years."

According to Gabriel, building their customer base was no easy feat.

"It was a struggle because we have a lot of competitors but we made it through because we maintained the quality of our food, the affordability of our prices, and our superior customer service," he explained. "Our weekly meetings help us improve and guarantee our customers the satisfaction they deserve."

Gabriel added that patrons can look forward to a lot of exciting plans for Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel. He encouraged those who haven't tried their food to join them on Sunday's lunch buffet. "I'm pretty sure that you will appreciate the food and would come back for more."

For more information, visit Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel or call 234-7829.

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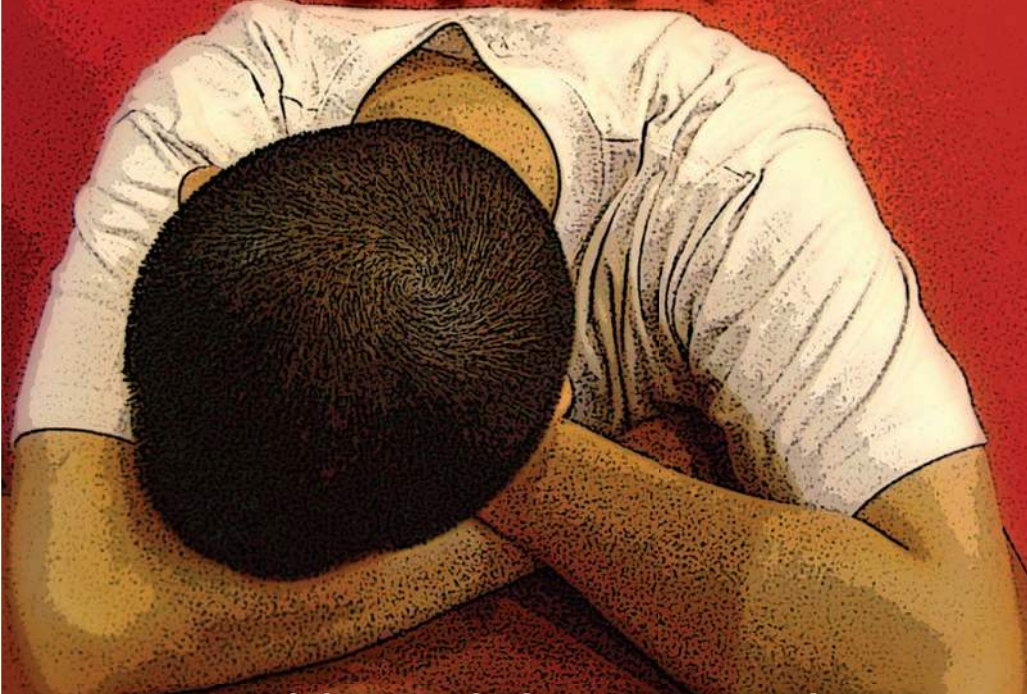
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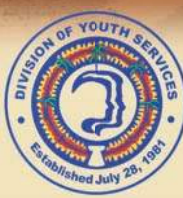
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# USAO collects \$4.13M in civil, criminal actions in FY 2011

**HAGATÑA, Guam**—The U.S. Attorney Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands collected \$4,130,707.13 in fiscal year 2011 related to criminal and civil actions, according to U.S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco yesterday. Of this amount, \$218,275.64 was collected in criminal actions and \$3,912,431.49 was collected in civil actions. Additionally, the office collected \$4,454 in criminal and civil forfeitures.

Nationwide, the U.S. Attorneys' offices collected \$6.5 billion in criminal and civil actions during the same fiscal year, surpassing \$6 billion for the second consecutive year. A portion of this amount, \$1.3 billion, was collected in shared

cases in which one or more U.S. Attorneys' offices or department litigating divisions were also involved. The \$6.5 billion represents more than three times the appropriated budget of the combined 94 offices for fiscal year 2011.

"During this time of economic recovery, these collections are more important than ever," said Limtiaco. "The U.S. Attorney's Office is dedicated to protecting the public and recovering funds for the federal treasury and for victims of federal crime. We will continue to hold accountable those who seek to profit from their illegal activities."

This July, the District of Guam recovered an \$836,000 civil penalty as part of a con-

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sent decree in the Mariana Acquisition Corp. case for violation of the Clean Air Act. Also in July, the District of Guam recovered a lump sum restitution payment of \$46,166.46 from Andreas Fischer who was charged with giving a false statement to a federal government agency.

The U.S. Attorneys' Offices, along with the department's litigating divisions, are responsible for enforcing and collecting civil and criminal debts owed the U.S. and criminal debts owed federal crime victims. Statistics indicate that

the total amount collected in criminal actions totaled \$2.66 billion in restitution, criminal fines, and felony assessments. The law requires defendants to pay restitution to victims of certain federal crimes who have suffered a physical injury or financial loss. While restitution is paid directly to the victim, criminal fines and felony assessments are paid to the department's Crime Victims' Fund, which distributes the funds to state victim compensation and victim assistance programs.

The statistics also indicate



Limtiaco

that \$3.83 billion was collected by the U.S. Attorneys' offices in individually and jointly handled civil actions. The largest civil collections were from affirmative civil enforcement cases, in which the United States recovered government money lost to fraud or other misconduct or collected fines imposed on individuals

and/or corporations for violations of federal health, safety, civil rights, or environmental laws. In addition, civil debts were collected on behalf of several federal agencies.

Additionally, the U.S. Attorneys' offices, working with partner agencies and divisions, collected \$1.68 billion in asset forfeiture actions in fiscal year 2011. Forfeited assets are used to restore funds to crime victims and for a variety of law enforcement purposes.

The nationwide collection totals for the U.S. Attorneys' offices for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 combined is \$13.18 billion, which represents nearly a 52-percent increase over the fiscal years 2008 and 2009 combined total of \$8.55 billion. (USAO)

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## Treasure Island comes to Saipan

Students from four area high schools are collaborating to present a production of *Treasure Island* this weekend at the Multi-Purpose Center in Saipan. The play is an adaptation of the classic novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, but this play version by Phil Wilmott is a zany and preposterous take-off on the daring adventure.

Teens from Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Grace Christian Academy, and Saipan International School reprise the roles of the show: Jim Hawkins (a good-hearted English lad), Long John Silver (a dastardly pirate), George Merry/Billy Bones (a pirate with a treasure map), Lady Trelawney (a rich entrepreneur), Miss Livesy (her butterfly-enraptured

scientific sidekick), Captain Smollett (captain of the *Hispaniola*), Meg Trueblood (a tavern owner), Ben Gunn (a castaway), and a cast of pirates including Blind Pugh, Black Dog, Israel Hands, Shoreditch Sal, Nightingale Nell, Picadilly Poll, Cheng I Sao, Gentleman Jack, and the parrot Captain Flint, along with a fantasy revue chorus of cheese and mice!

The show is directed by MHS teens Liezel Tipples and Mathew Lopez, with assistance from technical director Kristine Valencia and a large tech crew.

Show time is 7pm on Friday and Saturday and 3pm on Sunday, Nov. 18, 19, and 20, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. (PR)

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# Business

## Millionaires on Capitol Hill: Please tax me more!

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lobbyists for a day, a band of millionaires stormed Capitol Hill on Wednesday to urge Congress to tax them more.

They had a little trouble getting in. It turns out there are procedures, even for the really rich.

But once inside, their message was embraced by liberals and tolerated by some conservatives—including the ideological leader of anti-tax lawmakers, who had some advice for them, too.

“If you think the federal government can spend your money

better than you can, then by all means” pay more in taxes than you owe, said Grover Norquist, the head of a group that has gotten almost all congressional Republicans to pledge to vote against tax hikes. The IRS should have a little line on the form where people can donate money to the government, he suggested, “just like the tip line on a restaurant receipt.”

In the silence left by the private efforts of the “supercommittee” to find \$1.2 trillion or more in deficit cuts by Thanksgiving,

free advice flowed in public.

And not just any advice: pie-in-the-sky suggestions from those not connected to the talks, mostly to reopen debates that have led nowhere. The millionaires want the panel to raise taxes on people who earn more than \$1 million, even though most Republicans are committed against the idea. And 150 House member and senators urged a much bigger debt-and-deficit deal, even as a small-scope agreement is proving elusive.



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House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer of Md., right, answers questions after a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011.

## Congress easily OKs bill for vets, contractors

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats and Republicans rallied on a rare patch of common ground Wednesday and Congress approved legislation helping government contractors and unemployed veterans, finally giving President Barack Obama the chance to sign the first, tiny shred of his \$447 billion jobs bill into law.

The House sent the bill to the White House by an overwhelming 422-0, six days after the Senate passed it 95-0.

The legislation creates tax breaks for companies hiring jobless veterans—a part of Obama’s jobs plan—and beefs

up vets’ job-training and counseling programs.

It also repeals a 2006 law that would require the federal, state and local governments to withhold 3 percent of their payments to contractors. That statute, which doesn’t take effect until 2013, was supposed to pressure contractors to fully pay their taxes, but lawmakers now say the withholding would deny cash to companies that they could better use to hire more workers.

Obama’s signature would let him and lawmakers claim credit for protecting jobs at a time when the public is clearly furious over the nation’s un-

employment rate, which has been stuck at around 9 percent. Despite the unity shown Wednesday, the day’s debate underscored the stark gulf that separates the two parties over how to fix the struggling economy, a division that is likely to dominate next year’s presidential and congressional elections.

Republicans said it was time for the Senate to approve nearly 20 House-passed bills that they say would create jobs, mostly by repealing or blocking energy regulations and others, and touted Wednesday’s vote as part of that drive.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS


#### Oil hits \$100 as US economy slowly improves

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices hit \$100 a barrel on Wednesday after a six-week surge that may drive gasoline prices higher in coming months and slow the fragile economic recovery. For now, there are a few reasons to explain why oil jumped 30 percent higher since early October. One is promising. The U.S. economy continued to show signs of strength, meaning that the thirst for fuel may grow.


#### Pent-up demand brings customers to car dealerships

DETROIT (AP)—Car dealers are getting a

surprise end-of-the-year bonus: More Americans are replacing old cars and trucks, enlivening a normally sleepy time for auto sales and putting November on track to be the industry’s strongest month of the year. Dealers and analysts say people are finally getting rid of cars and trucks they’ve held onto for more than a decade. That demand, plus attractive lease deals, an ample supply of Japanese models and promotions on remaining 2011 models have drawn buyers to showrooms in large numbers the last two weeks. “We’re seeing the most showroom traffic that we’ve seen all year,” said Ed Williamson, part-owner of two Miami-area GM Buick-Cadillac-GMC dealerships.



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
Office of the Secretary of Public Works  
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**DPW12-RFP-001**

**Historic and Building Condition Assessment for the Proposed Construction of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitors Center, Navy Hill Saipan.**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals for the Historic and Building Condition Assessment for the Proposed Construction of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitors Center, Navy Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures will be in full compliance with **§ 70-30.3-305** of the regulations. However, the project is funded under Federal Grant, Article 7 "Local Business Preference is not applicable.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, any company, corporation or partnership "firm" must obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after **November 18, 2011** at the DPW, Technical Services Division, Capitol Hill, Saipan. **A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. local time at the Joeten Commercial Bldg, Gualo Rai on December 06, 2011.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho**, Director, Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **December 19, 2011.**

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (resumes and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, *cannot* submit as a subcontractor or another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

*Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:*

- Qualifications and Background of the Company– 50%;** Professional background and caliber of key staff and personnel and demonstrated technical capability. Current and recently completed project that substantiate a the firms aptitude for projects of similar size, scope, and requirements. The team must have post-secondary educational design experience either thru an employee, joint venture or consultant.
- Organization and Capacity– 35%;** Capacity of firm and proposed lead designers to fulfill Project requirements within the current workload, including the Project Schedule, and
- Response to RFP-15%** Quality and completeness of response to the requirements of this RFP.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW12-RFP-001". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 22, 2011.** Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 22, 2011** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, **December 22, 2011** and must be received no later than **January 03, 2012.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. .

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made, therefore, negotiation shall be conducted with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. The successful proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Financing for the Project is directly under the successful award of NOAA Grant NA10NOS4290155.


All responses to this RFP shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

All submitted proposals received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.


/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ ARNOLD I. PALACIOS  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement & Supply



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, hereby giving notice that the CNMI State Advisory Group (SAG), also known as the "Youth Advisory Council" (YAC) of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency will hold an Official Award Meeting on **Wednesday, November 23, 2010 8:00A.M. - 4:30P.M., NAPU Conference Room, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES, of Minutes from YAC meeting on November 9, 2010.**
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a) 2012 Three Year State Plan Development and Planning
    - i. Technical Assistance
  - b) YAC Grant Review Process Development
    - i. Review and Discuss CJPA YAC Grant Review Process
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a) Chairman Report on 2011 OJJDP National Conference
  - b) CNMI-FACJJ Representative Report
  - c) Review and Adoption of Compliance Monitoring Manual
  - d) 2011 Applicant Interviews and Grant Awarding.
    - i. Title II,
    - ii. Title V,
    - iii. JABG,
- iv. EUDL**
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a) Next Youth Advisory Council Meeting
  - b) Supervisory Council Meeting scheduled for December 5, 2011.
  - c) Others
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Should you need more information, please call the CJPA at 664-4550.

/s/ Mr. Joe Limes  
Chairperson  
State Advisory Group

/s/ Mr. Jerome I. Ierome  
Executive Director, CJPA

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Nation

Police say no record of McQueary report found

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Penn State campus police and their counterparts in State College said Wednesday that they had no record of Mike McQueary reporting an alleged sexual assault by Jerry Sandusky on a 10-year-old boy in a campus shower. The details ran counter to McQueary’s claims in an email to former teammates and made available to The Associated Press this week. McQueary, then a graduate assistant, wrote in the email that

he had discussions with police about what he saw. In the email, McQueary did not specify which police department he spoke to.

State College borough police chief Tom King said McQueary didn’t make a report to his department.

Campus police referred questions on the Sandusky case to the university’s public information office.

“At this point we have no record of any police report being filed in 2002” by McQueary in connection with the Sandusky case, university spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said, adding police searched their records Wednesday.

The football building is on uni-

versity property, so campus police would have been the most likely to respond for a police call.

Mountz also noted the 23-page grand jury report was the state attorney general’s summary of testimony, so it’s unclear what McQueary’s full testimony was.

The news came after a new judge was assigned to handle the child sex abuse charges against Sandusky, whose televised defense earlier this week drew a rebuke from a lawyer for one of his accusers.

The change removed a State College judge with ties to a charity founded by Sandusky for at-risk children, The Second Mile.

Harrisburg attorney Ben Andreozzi said he represents a

client who will testify against Sandusky, who is accused of abusing eight boys, some on campus, over 15 years.

“I am appalled by the fact that Mr. Sandusky has elected to re-victimize these young men at a time when they should be healing,” Andreozzi said in a statement released by his office. “He fully intends to testify that he was severely sexually assaulted by Mr. Sandusky.”

Sandusky’s lawyer, Joe Amendola, appeared with him on NBC’s “Rock Center” on Monday night and cast doubt on the evidence in the case.

“We anticipate we’re going to have at least several of those kids come forward and say, ‘This never happened. This is me. This is the allegation. It never occurred,’” Amendola said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Suspect in shooting near White House arrested

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man wanted in an investigation of shots fired near the White House was arrested Wednesday in Pennsylvania, a day after agents discovered two bullets had struck the executive mansion while President Barack Obama was away, the U.S. Secret Service said. The Secret Service said it discovered Tuesday that the two bullets had hit the White House, one apparently cracking a window on the level of the president’s living quarters, while Obama and his wife Michelle were on a trip to California and Hawaii. The president has since traveled on to Australia, second stop on a nine-day tour of the Asia-Pacific region.

Missouri mother charged with murdering toddler son

AFFTON, Mo. (AP)—Prosecutors charged a 20-year-old suburban St. Louis woman on Wednesday with murdering her 13-month old son, saying she admitted she beat the boy because he was crying and “wouldn’t lay down, wouldn’t go back to sleep.” Shelby Dasher is charged with second-degree murder in the death of her son, Tyler, whose body was found discarded near a cemetery about a mile from home on Tuesday, hours after she reported him missing. Dasher was arrested early Wednesday and was being held on \$500,000 cash bond.

4 dead, several hurt as storm pounds the Southeast

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP)—A strong storm system that produced several possible tornadoes hit the Southeast on Wednesday, damaging dozens of homes and buildings. At least four people were killed and more than a dozen others were injured. Suspected tornadoes were reported in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina, and thousands of people were without power as trees and power lines were downed. In South Carolina, three people were killed and five injured when an apparent tornado swept through a rural community near Rock Hill, about 20 miles south of Charlotte, N.C. In north Georgia, an unidentified person was killed when a tree fell on a sport utility vehicle

Manson follower ‘Tex’ Watson denied parole

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The self-described right-hand man of cult leader Charles Manson, who was convicted of orchestrating the Tate-LaBianca slayings 42 years ago, was denied parole from a California prison Wednesday for the 16th time. Charles “Tex” Watson, 65, was ordered to continue serving his life sentence after a hearing at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione, in the Sierra foothills 50 miles south-east of Sacramento.



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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011 to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not “responsive and responsible”, their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a Certified Check, or a Cashier’s Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price. Checks shall be made payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ  
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: November 9, 2011



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS



This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2012. In order for NMHC to extend your company’s inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
5. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
6. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
7. Workmen’s Compensation Policy
8. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
9. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
10. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
11. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them
12. Company background
13. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
14. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 1, 2011 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY’S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF “APPROVED CONTRACTORS.”

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO

“NMHC is an equal housing provider, lender, and employer”



World

Countering China, Obama asserts US a Pacific power

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—Signaling a determination to counter a rising China, President Barack Obama vowed Thursday to expand U.S. influence in the Asia-Pacific region and “project power and deter threats to peace” in that part of the world even as he reduces defense spending and winds down two wars.

“The United States is a Pacific power, and we are here to stay,” he declared in a speech to the Australian Parliament, sending an unmistakable message to Beijing.

Obama’s bullish speech came several hours after announcing he would send military aircraft and up to 2,500 Marines to northern Australia for a training hub to help allies and protect American interests across Asia. He declared the U.S. is not afraid of China, by far the biggest and most powerful country in the region.

China immediately questioned the U.S. move and said it deserved further scrutiny.

Emphasizing that a U.S. presence in the Asia-Pacific region is a top priority of his administration, Obama stressed that any reductions in U.S. defense spending will not come at the expense of that goal.

“Let there be no doubt: in the Asia Pacific in the 21st century, the United States of America is all in,” he said.

For Obama, Asia represents both a security challenge and an economic opportunity. Speaking in broad geopolitical terms, the president asserted: “With most of the world’s nuclear powers and some half of



AP  
U.S. President Barack Obama, left, and U.S. Ambassador to Australia Jeffrey Bleich prepare to unveil a plaque at a tree dedication commemorating President's Obama's visit to Australia, during his visit to the U.S. Embassy in Canberra, Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011.

humanity, Asia will largely define whether the century ahead will be marked by conflict or cooperation, needless suffering or human progress.”

Virtually everything Obama is doing on his nine-day trip across the Asia-Pacific region has a Chinese subtext, underscoring a relationship that is at once cooperative and marked by tensions over currency, human rights and military might.

China’s military spending has increased threefold since the 1990s to about \$160 billion last year, and its military recently tested a new stealth jet fighter and launched its first aircraft carrier. A congressional advisory panel on Wednesday urged the White House and Congress to look more closely at China’s military expansion and pressed for a tougher stance against what it called anticompetitive Chinese trade policies.

Syria faces army defectors, worldwide isolation

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Syria’s president faced a growing challenge to his iron rule from home and abroad Wednesday, with renegade troops launching their most daring attack yet on the military and world leaders looking at possibilities for a regime without Bashar Assad.

France recalled its ambassador to Damascus in the wake of recent attacks against diplomatic missions and increasing violence stemming from the 8-month-old uprising. French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe warned that “the vise is tightening” around Assad, and a government spokeswoman said Paris is working with the Syrian opposition to find an alternative to the regime.


The move comes as the 22-member Arab League formally suspended Damascus over the crackdown, which the U.N. estimates has killed more than 3,500 people, and threatened economic sanctions if the regime continues to violate an Arab-brokered peace plan.

The foreign ministers also gave the Syrian government three days to respond to an Arab peace plan that involves sending an Arab League delegation to monitor compliance.


“Economic sanctions are certainly possible if the Syrian government does not respond,” said Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim.

Gamal Abdel Gawad, an Arab affairs expert in Cairo, said the League’s vote suggests Arab leaders are scrambling to influence the type of regime Syria sees in the future.

“Regime change is unavoidable,” he told The Associated Press.



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**COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**2011-CDA-07-RFP**  
**LOAN UNDERWRITER**

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds for the amount of \$13,168,350 for Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to \$5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base.

Respectfully

/s/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**  
Executive Director

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
Director, Procurement & Supply

WORLD BRIEFS

**US assures Manila of 2nd warship amid Spratlys row**

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine defense chief says the United States will provide a second warship as his country’s ill-equipped military confronts China in increasingly tense territorial disputes in the South China Sea. Defense Sec. Voltaire Gazmin says U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton assured him during talks in Manila on Wednesday that Washington will give the Philippine navy a second Coast Guard cutter virtually for free. The first second-hand cutter from the U.S. Coast Guard sailed into Manila in August and became the most modern vessel in the dilapidated Philippine fleet.

**Arroyo scraps new attempt to leave Philippines**

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said Thursday she’s pausing—but not dropping—attempts to go

abroad for medical treatment, after authorities stopped her because she is under investigation for corruption. In a high-profile drama keeping the Philippines on edge, the government ignored a Supreme Court order to allow the former president to travel and blocked her at the airport Tuesday. Her allies accuse her successor Benigno Aquino III of violating her rights and steering toward a constitutional crisis. After initially saying she will try to leave Manila again Thursday, Arroyo’s spokes-

woman Elena Bautista-Horn said the former president was still weak but will try later.

**Piranhas take toes at river beach in west Brazil**

**SAO PAULO** (AP)—Thousands of flesh-eating piranhas have infested a river beach popular with tourists in western Brazil and have bitten at least 15 unwary swimmers, authorities said Wednesday. Officials in the city of Caceres in Mato Grosso state said this is the first time they have had a problem with piranhas at the Daveron beach on the Paraguay river, where the aggressive fish began schooling about two weeks ago. “People have got to be very careful. If they’re bitten, they’ve got to get out of the water rapidly and not allow the blood to spread,” firefighter Raul Castro de Oliveira told Globo TV’s G1 website.

**Last of 91 whales stranded in Australia, NZ dies**

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (AP)—Rescuers have been unable to save the last surviving sperm whale from separate mass-strandings in Australia and New Zealand that have seen 91 whales die since the weekend. Though whale strandings are relatively common in both countries, the past few days have been particularly tough for conversation authorities. In all, 24 sperm whales and two minke whales died in a stranding on and around remote Ocean Beach in Tasmania. In an equally remote New Zealand location, the tip of Farewell Spit in the South Island, 65 pilot whales died.

**BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Mr. Robert Torres, Esq., who serves as counsel to the Commission’s regulatory consultant, at 670-234-5750.

**AGENDA**

- Administrative matters:
  - Call to order – confirmation of quorum.
  - Approval of minutes of October 27, 2011 meeting.
  - Administrative Assessment
  - Commission website
- Public comments.
- Docket 09-1 [CUC Electric Division]
  - LEAC rate [November 18, 2011 – January 30, 2012]
    - Accounts Receivable
    - \$1.7 Million Receivable Issue
  - CUC Power Pole Procurement
  - Telesource contract amendment
- Telecommunications:
  - Docket 12-02: Inquiry re ITE Rural Exemption - Hearing examiner’s status report.
- Other business.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM,**  
Plaintiff,

**FRANKLIN JOEL R. CRUZ**  
Defendant.

**Civil Action**  
**No. 11-0169 CV**

**AMENDED SUMMONS**

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, FRANKLIN JOEL R. CRUZ:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma’ Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 8th of September, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Raphael M. and Merced V. Reyes  
PO Box 50058  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Phone: 256-1030

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF RIKKI CARMEN REYES CAMACHO**  
Minor Child

**FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0543**

**By**  
**RAPHAEL MANAHANE REYES and MERCED VILLAGOMEZ REYES**  
Petitioners.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the above-named minor child by Raphael and Merced Reyes, Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before the Honorable Perry B. Inos on the 15th day of December, 2011 at 9:30am or as soon as thereafter.

Bernadita A. Sablan  
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Reynaldo O. Yana  
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Attorney for Petitioners

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF NAME OF:**

**MARTIN ERVI VALLE OROT,**  
A minor child,

**CASE NO. 06-0403-FCD**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**BY: ERIC AMPIT OROT and VICTORIA VALLE OROT,**  
Petitioners

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that on December 5, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the Superior Court in Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, the petitioners will petition to adopt Marvin Ervi Gorros Orot, a minor child, and to have his name changed.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2011.

Bernadita A. Sablan  
Clerk of Courts

/s/ Superior Court of NMI



# Off The Wall

## American stranded in Ukraine in online dating scam

**KIEV, Ukraine** (AP)—The former write-in candidate for Arizona governor traveled to Ukraine looking for love. He ended up hungry and sick in a homeless shelter—the victim of an Internet dating scam. Social workers were stunned

to find Cary Dolego, 53, sitting on a city street last Wednesday, behaving strangely and suffering from pneumonia. Dolego, who ran for Arizona governor just last year, had traveled to Ukraine this spring to do research for an engi-

neering project and look for a wife. He says he met a woman named Yulia online and, hoping to marry her, went to her hometown of Chernivtsi. She never showed up. With nowhere to go and no money left, Dolego spent days

roaming the streets of Chernivtsi along with other homeless men until he was picked up by social workers and taken to a shelter. He spoke to The Associated Press by phone Wednesday from a hospital where he was being treated for pneumonia.

“I was looking for a Ukrainian mate, a partner, somebody who would stay with me, be my wife,” Dolego said. “All the Slavic ladies in this part of the world are absolutely delightful.” Social workers were shocked. “He looked bad—his clothes were dirty, he was dirty, he looked like a typical homeless man,” said Anastasia Beridze of the Narodna Dopolomoha (People’s Help) charity.

A woman who acknowledges being Yulia says she had been unaware of Dolego’s existence during the Internet fling. The woman, who declined to give her last name out of fear of attracting publicity, said in an interview with the AP that someone had hacked into her account on an Internet dating site and had been communicating with Dolego on her behalf, charging Dolego for those e-mails.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

**Giant Christmas tree snaps during hoisting**  
**ATLANTA** (AP)—It’s the Drought That Stole Christmas. Macy’s at Atlanta’s Lenox Mall must cut down a new Christmas tree after the 60-foot white pine selected for the holidays snapped while being hoisted atop the department store Sunday morning. Melissa Goff with Macy’s said the store usually selects its tree from a Georgia forest, but drought conditions have made it difficult to find a healthy tree this year. She said the 11,000-pound tree was from Douglas County. She said a backup tree has been selected and will be brought in this week. The tree will be decorated between now and Thanksgiving Day, when the store will hold a lighting ceremony, a 63-year tradition. It’s not the first time the store has had to get a backup tree: the 2004 tree also broke.

17-year-old boy was taken into custody after being freed from the chimney around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at a home in Norcross, northeast of Atlanta. Gwinnett County police Cpl. Jake Smith tells The Atlanta Journal-Constitution the teen was charged with burglary and giving false information to a police officer. Smith said a neighbor heard someone yelling for help from her neighbor’s chimney. Authorities tell the Gwinnett Daily Post the teen was screaming when fire crews arrived and told the firefighters he had been stuck there since 3 a.m. Tuesday. Firefighters freed him by lowering a rope from the top of the chimney.


**Couple bug Ohio student to hear teacher bullying**  
**WASHINGTON** **COURT HOUSE, Ohio** (AP)—A couple raising a 14-year-old special needs student in Ohio say they hid a recording device on the girl to prove a teacher and school aide were bullying her. Media outlets report the girl’s mother and the woman’s boyfriend complained to school officials last year about the alleged bullying in the Miami Trace district, about 30 miles

southwest of Columbus. Then the parents secretly recorded audio of the instructors. In the recording, the aide tells the girl she’s dumb and says: “It’s no wonder you don’t have friends. No wonder nobody likes you because you lie, cheat.” The district superintendent tells the Washington Court House Record Herald that the aide resigned. The Ohio Department of Education decided to suspend the teacher’s license for a year unless she completes special training.


**More cats than inmates at Fla. prison set to close**  
**BELLE GLADE, Fla.** (AP)—Authorities say dozens of cats that sneaked into a South Florida prison will be found new homes before the facility closes next month. As many as 80 cats have burrowed under fences and taken up residence at the state-run prison in Belle Glade. Prisoners have been feeding the animals, even though rules prohibit that. The 1,000-inmate prison closes Dec. 1. Officials tell The Palm Beach Post that as of Monday, there are more cats than prisoners at the facility. Just 69 inmates remain awaiting transfers. Palm

Beach County animal control officers are removing the cats so they won’t starve when the prison closes. They’re offering to waive adoption fees to find them new homes. Some of the cats have been euthanized because they were feral and couldn’t be adopted.

**Colo. bison head’s owner forgot to tell roommates**  
**BOULDER, Colo.** (AP)—Police in Boulder, Colo., have solved the mystery of how a severed bison head ended up on a decorative rock in someone’s front yard. It belongs to somebody who lives in the home but forgot to tell his roommates about it. The roommates called police about the head Sunday, and investigators quickly ruled out one obvious potential source: the beloved buffalo mascot named Ralphie at the University of Colorado. Police spokeswoman Kim Kobel said Monday that the head came from a buffalo recently slaughtered from a ranch in Nebraska. The head’s owner told police he was drying out his souvenir so he could display it on a wall. Kobel says the case is now closed. Police didn’t release the names of the people involved.



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**NOTICE OF SALE  
UNDER POWER OF SALE  
IN DEED OF TRUST**

MARIA A. TEREGEYO ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 4881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**Lot No. 0051494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **November 29, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$33,640.48**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **November 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** **All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than November 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** **Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **\$33,640.48** shall also apply.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the lease price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2011.

By: /S/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO  
Corporate Director



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# Science & Technology

## Google Music to offer free storage, streaming, social sharing

By MIKE SWIFT  
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

**SAN JOSE, Calif.**—Google Inc. announced Wednesday the launch of a new music service

in partnership with three major record companies, a service that will compete directly with Apple and Amazon to sell music to consumers and allow them to access songs from any PC or

Android-based mobile device, but goes a step farther by allowing users to share tracks with friends through the Google+ social network.

“Google Music is about dis-

covering, purchasing and sharing music in new, innovated and personalized ways,” said Jamie Rosenberg, Google’s director of digital content for Android.

The new Google Music ser-

vice will sell individual song downloads for 99 cents from Google’s Android Market. The service is launching for everyone in the U.S. today at google.music.com, and will allow Android users to upload and stream up to 20,000 songs for free from any PC or Android-based mobile device.

“Other cloud (music) services think you have to pay to listen to music you already own. We don’t,” he added.

Many observers had expected Google to launch a similar music service at its annual developers conference back in May. But Google was unable to obtain the licenses from two of the major recording labels it needed to sell music online, as Apple does with iTunes, and instead offered a stripped-down version that allowed users to upload and then stream songs they have previously purchased to a computer or smartphone.

Google has grown far beyond its original identity as a search engine that carried users to the websites of content providers; the Mountain View, Calif., company is increasingly getting into the direct sale of content. Google in May began

offering Hollywood movies for rent in the Android Market, with prices starting at \$1.99 to stream movies to an Android smartphone or tablet. Google also has an online electronic book-selling service.

A music store integrated with the Android phones and tablets, however, would address perhaps the most glaring gap between Google’s Android mobile phones and tablets, and Apple’s iPhone and iPad devices, which allow users to easily download music, video and other content from iTunes. A music service “was an obvious opportunity for us,” Rosenberg said in May.

Google will offer 8 million songs in the Android Market from its partnership with Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and EMI Music, with that library expected to grow to 13 million tracks in the new few months.

Facebook in September offered integrations with Spotify and other digital streaming music services, but Google Music will add a new feature to Google’s social network by allowing people to share one listen of each track they buy with their friends on Google+.

## Apps to smooth your way on Thanksgiving

By TYLER DUKES  
THE NEWS&OBSERVER

Planning and cooking Thanksgiving dinner is about as easy as juggling chain saws. From setting a menu to managing multiple dishes at once, even the seasoned poultry preparer can become overwhelmed. Luckily, mobile applications can help make Nov. 24 a little less stressful and a little tastier — whether you’re hooked on Apple devices or stuck on your BlackBerry.

Here are a few we’ve tested.

### PAPRIKA RECIPE MANAGER

- Price: \$4.99
- Compatibility: iPhone/iPod Touch, iPad
- Ideal for: The culinary organizer
- There are countless recipe apps, but chances are none of them can outdo that well-worn box of handwritten note cards



BILL HOGAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT

From traditional roasting methods to new flavors the Thanksgiving turkey takes center stage on the table.

you inherited from your grandmother. Paprika allows you to store your culinary traditions digitally while easily discovering new ideas. Using the app to browse more than 150 sites from Food Network to Epicurious, you can download recipes straight to your device. Meal planning and grocery lists also take some of the stress out of

getting organized.

### KEY RING

- Price: Free
- Compatibility: iPhone/iPod Touch, iPad, Android, BlackBerry, Windows
- Ideal for: The card-carrying shopper
- Before you can cook, you must shop. Lighten your load by

dumping the stack of plastic loyalty cards that fatten your wallet and weigh down your purse. You can keep the savings with Key Ring, which can scan and store your information from more than 700 loyalty programs. When you want to redeem your deals in the store, just select the retailer and scan your barcode, all without fumbling for your keys. You can even join some programs without the paperwork.

### CHOW THANKSGIVING DINNER COACH

- Price: Free
- Compatibility: iPhone/iPod Touch, iPad
- Ideal for: The traditionalist
- If you find Thanksgiving complicated enough without having to cull through hundreds of recipes to find the right instructions for an adequately cooked turkey, you might want to give Chow Thanksgiving Dinner Coach a try. With just nine preloaded holiday staples like pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce, it trades flair for simplicity with an easy-to-follow timeline that’s all about getting a meal in front of your guests without burning the bird.

### OPENTABLE

- Price: Free
- Compatibility: iPhone/iPod Touch, iPad, Android, BlackBerry, Windows
- Ideal for: The disaster-prone
- OK. Let’s say (hypothetically, of course) you did burn the bird. Don’t panic. With OpenTable, you can pull up available reservations at more than 20,000 restaurants — even at the last minute. Browse menus and price points to find the right conciliatory cuisine for your guests and reserve your table right from the app. You can even invite friends and family to join you via email. They’ll think you planned it all along. Just leave out the part about the kitchen fire.

### BLACK FRIDAY APP

- Price: Free
- Compatibility: iPhone/iPod Touch, iPad, Android
- Ideal for: The dedicated opportunist
- Nothing is quite so effective at working out that post-Thanksgiving aggression than battling for good deals on the busiest shopping day of the year. Get the intel you need — including sales that are both confirmed and rumored — directly from this app from dealnews.com. You can sort by store to map out your plan of attack or find items on your holiday wish list by category or search.

## Email mix-up probably not an accident

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**QUESTION:** Someone else with my name and a very similar Gmail address has been having his mail delivered to me. My email address contains periods between the first and last name, and his doesn’t. I was puzzled by this, because I know Gmail actually ignores periods in email addresses—so this person appeared to have the same email as me.

I wondered why this was happening, and several times replied to the sender, indicating that the email (all from organizations) was being sent to the wrong Naren Shah. Then, last year, I received an email from another person with the same last name. I emailed him back, and found out that he was the son of the person for whom I was getting email. The son said his father didn’t have the same email address as me, but had used it as a fake email address on a website, probably to avoid receiving spam. He said he would tell his father not to do that in the future.

The email for the father stopped for a while, but now it has started again. The son has not responded to my latest email. Is there any way to stop this email from coming to me?—Naren Shah, Nepean, Ontario

**ANSWER:** I think you’ve got a bigger problem than stopping some unwanted email.

After reading your correspondence with the son, which you included in your email to me, I’d say your identity may have been stolen.

Consider the sequence of events. A man signs up on a website using your Gmail address, supposedly to avoid getting email. After you’ve responded to the junk email without effect, the man’s son contacts you. You correspond with him, sharing your full legal name, the city you live in, the part of India you are originally from and your wired and cellular telephone numbers. He says it’s all a big mistake. But you never hear from him again, even though the junk email resumes and you email him.

I suggest you read the Federal Trade Commission’s alert called “What To Do If Your Personal Information Has Been Compromised,” at <http://www.tinyurl.com/5u5oezq>. Also, don’t respond to any more emails related to these people. Mark them as spam instead.

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## FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

*In Loving Memory of the Late*



## Henoleen Santos Camacho

Affectionately known as “Lynn” or “Heno”

We, the family of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and auntie Lynn Santos Camacho would like to remind family and friends that the first year anniversary of Lynn’s passing is on November 13, 2011.

In honor of “Lynn”, a Mass will be offered on Sunday, November 20th, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

We gather as family and friends to pray for our beloved “Lynn”. She will live on forever through us all who cared and loved her as we remember her in our prayers.

Your kind words, understanding, thoughts, and prayers have kept us all strong during our mourning period and throughout the year. We thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts.

Kalangan, yan Si Yu’us Ma’asi.

Si, Edward C. Camacho, and Children Winfred, Chinnelle, Yolani, and Grandson Kobe Jordan







# Bieber paternity case withdrawn; DNA test still on

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An attorney for a woman who claims Justin Bieber is the father of her baby boy said Wednesday her lawsuit has been withdrawn as both camps await the singer to take a paternity test.

Chicago-based lawyer Jeffrey Leving told The Associated Press the suit filed in San Diego Superior Court by Mariah Yeater, 20, was recently removed without prejudice. However, the lawsuit could be refiled at a later date. A hearing set for Dec. 15 has been canceled.

"This case was never dismissed. It can be refilled today or tomorrow," Leving said. "We are trying to settle this matter out of court with Bieber's camp."

Yeater claims she had just turned 19 when she and Bieber, then 16, had a brief sexual encounter after one of the singer's concerts last fall in a backstage backroom at Los Angeles' Staples Center.

Bieber has said he's never met Yeater and has denied allegations that he fathered Yeater's son who was born in July.

Matthew Hiltzik, a spokesman for the teen heartthrob, said Bieber still intends to submit to a paternity test in the coming weeks.

"As we've said from the beginning, it's sad that some-



Bieber

one would fabricate such a malicious, defamatory, and demonstrably false claim," Hiltzik said. "We'll continue to consider all of our options to protect Justin."

Yeater has not come forward with any evidence to prove Bieber is the father, but her attorneys insist the paternity test will prove he has a son.

Leving said the media storm that has ensued combined with death threats made to Yeater were the main reasons why the lawsuit was withdrawn.

"I will state right now it's better that it's handled out of court

which is in the best interests of everybody," Leving said.

Yeater had to change her cell phone number because of threats made upon her and she was recently harassed by someone who videotaped her as she was walking in a park with her son, Leving said. A private detective has been hired to investigate the threats, but Leving declined comment if Yeater has reached out to police.

Leving believes both camps will sign a confidentiality agreement that will keep the paternity results private but he realizes that scenario may not be possible.

"Hopefully the case can come to a safe and healthy conclusion," Leving said.

## Queen marks anniversary of King James Bible

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II attended a ceremony at London's Westminster Abbey Wednesday to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, often considered the most

influential book ever printed in the English language.

The translation—the Old Testament from Hebrew, the New Testament from Greek—was assembled by 47 translators in

six committees working in London, Oxford and Cambridge.

It came about when King James I summoned a conference at Hampton Court Palace near London in 1604, hoping to thrash out differences between Church of England bishops and Puritans. Failing to make progress on other issues, Puritan leader John Reynolds proposed a new translation—which emerged in 1611.

Wednesday's service at Westminster Abbey came after lectures, educational programs and theater performanc-

es around the world marked the anniversary of the Bible dubbed the "DNA of the English language" by broadcaster Melvyn Bragg.

The queen was joined by her husband, Prince Philip, and son, Prince Charles, in leading around 2,000 worshippers.

Early editions of the bible were presented at the altar, and the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams paid tribute to the "extraordinary" and "abiding importance" of the King James Bible.

## Ricky Gervais to return as host of Golden Globes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ricky Gervais is returning as host of the Golden Globes.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced through Twitter on Wednesday that Gervais will take his third turn as Globes host in January.

Gervais left some wondering if he'd be back after his performance at this year's show, when he took pointed jabs at Hollywood stars and the HFPA, which puts on the annual ceremony.

The 50-year-old comedian posted a YouTube clip on his Twitter page Wednesday of his biting opening monologue from the 2011 show, promising "This (times) 10."

At the ceremony earlier this year, Gervais joked that the HFPA accepts bribes (just after the group was sued for allegations that it engaged in payola

schemes) and swiped at stars such as Mel Gibson, Bruce Willis and Robert Downey Jr.

"I'm telling you now If you don't like it... (Expletive) you! If you do like it.. Love you!" Gervais tweeted Wednesday.

The HFPA acknowledged on its website that "not everyone is happy with the decision" to bring Gervais back because "his blunt one-liners targeting big-name celebrities caused anger and resentment in some quarters."

Downey said during the ceremony: "Aside from the fact that it's been hugely mean-spirited, with mildly sinister undertones, I'd say the vibe of the show is pretty good so far, wouldn't you?"

The HFPA said after the show that Gervais "pushed the envelope and occasionally went too far."



Gervais



### 'SEXIEST MAN ALIVE'

In this cover image released by People, actor Bradley Cooper is shown on the cover of the special "sexiest man alive," issue, available on newsstands on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011. Cooper is now an official sex symbol. People magazine has bestowed the "Hangover" star with its "sexiest man alive" title. Cooper tells the magazine that his first reaction was to think that his mom would be "so happy" and that he's "decent-looking." The 36-year-old actor dated Renee Zellweger for two years and has recently been linked to Jennifer Lopez. However, Cooper says he's single.

## Bride-to-be is feeling blue because fiance hates orange

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** My fiance, "Todd," and I have been together for four years. He proposed this summer and our wedding is planned for next year. I thought planning our wedding would be fun, but it has turned out to be a nightmare.

I want orange as our primary color, but now Todd is saying he "hates" the color orange, although he never mentioned it before. I tried to get him to agree to pair it with a color of his choice, but he refused.

Todd is being unreasonable and will not agree with me on the color. Since it mainly affects the bridal party, I feel it should be my decision. He says it isn't, and that he won't even wear an orange tie or anything like it. What is your opinion?

Dear Abby

STUCK ON THE COLOR IN GEORGIA

**DEAR STUCK:** This isn't just "your" wedding; it's Todd's wedding, too. If he would find standing at the altar opposite a line of bridesmaids clad in orange to be a turn-off and dislikes the color so much that he refuses to wear a tie or boutonniere that's orange—then agree on some other color. This is only one of the many compromises that lie ahead for you, so start practicing with this one.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Two months ago, my brother and his wife asked me to move in with them. It's beautiful here, they have a lovely home and have been extremely hospitable for the most part. The problem is they fight like cats and dogs. It gets so bad sometimes that the neighbors have to call the police.

Once a week without fail, they have a huge spat about one thing or another and argue at all hours of the day and night. They break things, curse and call each other names I wouldn't call my worst enemy. If I had known they were this unhappy, I would never have moved in.

They've been together for so long, this may just be their way of communicating, but I can't put up with the long days and sleepless nights. It's beginning to wear on my sanity.

How do I tell them I appreciate them for letting me stay, but I can no longer take the constant fighting?

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS

**DEAR T., B.N.T.:** Thank them for their hospitality and for offering to share their lovely home with you, but that you will be moving to a place of your own. If they ask you why, tell them that you love them both, but the long days and sleepless nights when they argue are preventing you from getting the rest you need. It's the truth, and it probably won't be the first time they've heard it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a middle-aged woman who is Baptist by faith. I believe that when I die I will go to heaven. My problem is, if going to heaven means being reunited with my parents and other family members, then I don't want to go! The idea of spending eternity with them is more than I can stand, but I don't want to go to hell, either. Any thoughts?

ETERNALLY CONFUSED IN MISSISSIPPI

**DEAR ETERNALLY CONFUSED:** Yes. When you reach the pearly gates, talk this over with St. Peter. Perhaps he would be willing to place you in a different wing than the one your parents and other family members are staying in. And in the meantime, discuss this with your minister.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### \$15,000 comic book stolen from Nebraska home

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A rare Spider-Man comic book valued at \$15,000 has been stolen from a home in Lincoln, Neb. The Lincoln Journal Star reports the comic "Amazing Fantasy No. 15" is the first appearance of Spider-Man and sold for 12 cents in 1962. Nearly 50 years later, it sells for thousands of dollars and in May, an unnamed buyer purchased a mint condition copy for more than \$1 million. The owner

of the stolen comic believes it was taken between Oct. 27 and Monday morning.

### Winehouse wrote full 3rd CD, planned supergroup

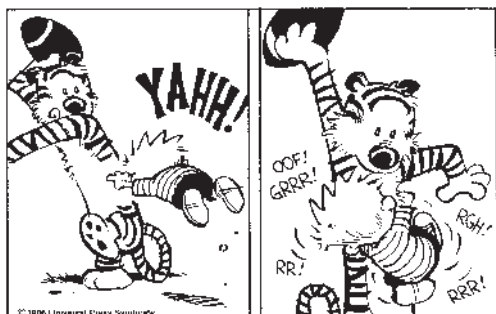
NEW YORK (AP)—Amy Winehouse had written all the songs that were to appear on her third album. She even picked out song titles. But music producer Salaam Remi says the soul singer was not rushing to release that new material. Only two of the tracks Winehouse wrote were recorded and appear on her

compilation album, "Lioness: Hidden Treasures," out Dec. 5. Remi held a press listening for the album Tuesday. The 12-track set features covers and stripped-sounding versions of released Winehouse songs, with some completed in one take. Remi produced songs on Winehouse's first two albums. He says instead of releasing her third album she planned to drop a jazz CD first with a supergroup including ?uestlove of the Roots and saxophone player Soweta Kinch. Winehouse died from accidental alcohol poisoning. Her body was found at her London home July 23.



# Pastimes

**By Bill Waterson**



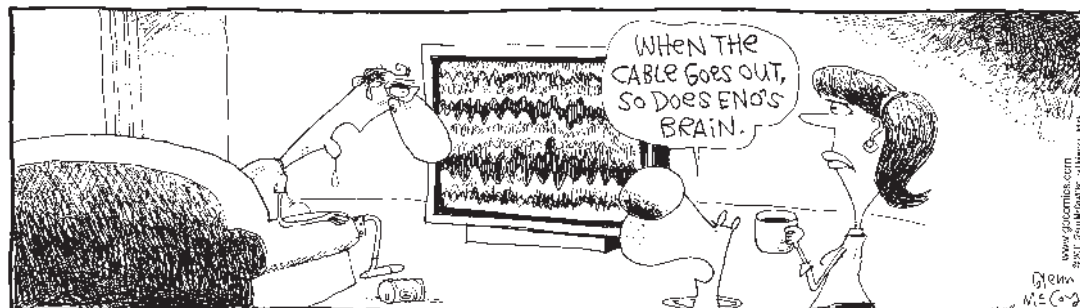
**By Jim Davis**



**By Bryan Basset**



**By Glenn McCoy**



*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**

1 Moment  
4 Second-hand  
8 Tousele  
12 401(k) alternative  
13 Nevada city  
14 Exam format  
15 Utensil made from a gourd shell  
17 Data, for short  
18 Open slightly  
19 Surround  
20 Jordan's capital  
22 Categorize  
24 Wheedle  
25 Aerosol vessel  
29 Pitch  
30 Corn  
31 Consumed  
32 Thick-bladed dagger  
34 Turn the soil  
35 Don Juan's mother

**DOWN**

1 [Uncorrected]  
3 Soil samples rich in clay  
37 Big glitch  
40 Throat clearer  
41 Grown-up nits  
42 Poison ivy aid  
46 Culture medium  
47 Burden  
48 Sawbuck  
49 Anything but that  
50 Crimson Tide school  
51 Nevertheless  
**DOWN**  
1 [Uncorrected]

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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**20 New Testament book**  
**21 Castle protection**  
**22 Olympic swimming legend**  
**23 Rice-shaped pasta**  
**25 Fill fully**  
**26 Dire situation**  
**27 Fermi's bit**  
**28 11 o'clock broadcast**  
**30 Carte**  
**33 Longtime convicts**  
**34 Verse**  
**36 Tibet's capital**  
**37 Venetian blind part**  
**38 In the offing**  
**39 Exotic berry**  
**40 Grad**  
**42 Stocky horse**  
**43 Santa — winds**  
**44 Born**  
**45 Tolkien character**

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## STUMPED?

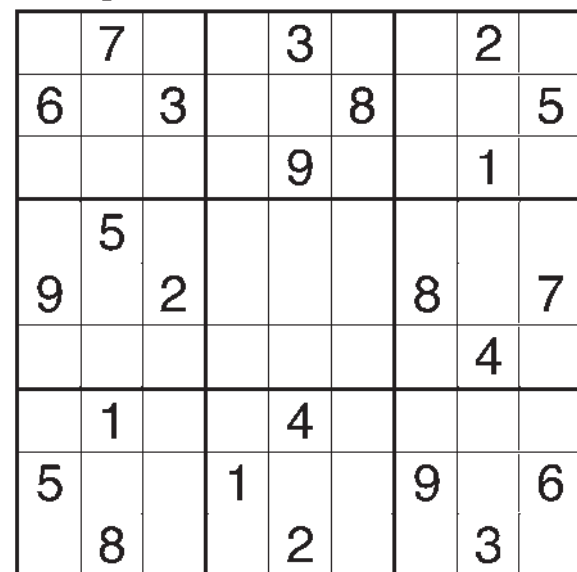
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**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You will receive a great response if you ask for favors and offer your services. You will make worthwhile gains working alongside oth-

# SUDOKU

## Conceptis Sudoku


*By Dave Green*



Difficulty Level ★★★★★

11:18

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 **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A change of pace will do you good. Set out on an adventure that entails meeting interesting people or learning something that you can use to your advantage. A change at home may not be expected, but it will be good for you. ★★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anyone know your thoughts or your plans. A problem with a colleague or peer will escalate if you aren't willing to compromise. Someone you work with or for will not view an emotional reaction favorably. ☼☼☼

**Birthday Baby:** You are steadfast, determined and debonair.

*Eugenia's Web sites: **eugenialast.com** for confidential consultations, **myspace.com/eugenialast** for Eugenia's blog, **astroadvice.com** for fun*

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID  
QUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

## FAREWELL TO REGIS PHILBIN

**Solution:** 11 letters

T	Y	G	X	O	B	N	I	M	A	I	L	L	I	W
L	A	A	N	F	A	N	N	A	O	J	O	K	E	S
I	E	P	N	I	N	E	W	Y	O	R	K	Y	V	I
H	W	A	E	K	T	J	E	N	N	I	F	E	R	C
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W	L	B	W	H	R	J	O	Y	E	O	E	E	C	U
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R	E	A	T	H	I	E	L	E	R	A	T	S	I	N
A	L	E	O	E	C	N	E	I	D	U	A	S	U	N
F	R	W	S	W	E	I	V	R	E	T	N	I	M	A

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**Yesterday's Answer: Austrasia**

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**Cook (1) • Salary: \$5.05/hr**  
Must read, write and speak fluent Japanese.  
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tention: YokYung Corporation.

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Commercial Cleaner. Salary-\$5.05/  
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Construction business. Preferably  
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speaking. (3) Bldg. Maintenance  
Repairer – at least 2 years ex-  
perience, willing to work flexible  
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ic—at least 2 years experience in  
Scuba Diving business. Fax resume  
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2231. Island Essence Inc.

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yrs experience Pls contact Stacy at  
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Chinese required. Must be willing  
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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**POSITION :** BID/CONTRACTS SPECIALIST (1)  
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- Associate's Degree or Equivalent Work Related Experience
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- Excellent interpersonal skills as well as excellent oral and written communication skills are required
- Must be proficient in DDMS Software with intermediate/advanced skills in word processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications.
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**POSITION :** GOVERNMENT SALES ACCOUNT MANAGER (1)  
**QUALIFICATIONS :**

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- Minimum of 2 years experience in sales of office & school products
- Ability to manage a pipeline of 50+ accounts at any given time
- Experience with and demonstrated proficiency with MS Office Applications (such as MS Word, MS Excel) and DDMS Software
- Manage and monitor the MRO purchases of customers
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

**POSITION :** CREDIT ANALYST (1)  
**QUALIFICATIONS :**

- Associates Degree in Business/Related Discipline or Equivalent Work Related Experience
- A minimum of three years experience in a credit/collections environment
- Proficiency in MS Office Applications (such as MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher) and DDMS Software
- Strong ability to communicate both orally and in writing
- Ability to be flexible with position duties and scope of work
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

**POSITION :** ACCOUNTANT (1)  
**QUALIFICATIONS :**

- Associate's Degree in Accounting
- Minimum five years work-related experience in general accounting in the retail industry
- Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports
- Must be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returns
- Must know CNMI & Federal tax rules
- Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, Peach Tree Accounting and DDMS Software
- Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License

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- Proficient with PC; software to include: word, excel and DDMS
- Ability to write routine reports and correspondence
- Detail oriented and well organized
- Must be flexible to work weekends and holidays
- Must have a valid CNMI driver's license

**POSITION :** ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (1)  
**QUALIFICATIONS :**

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- Must be proficient in MS Excel and Peach Tree Accounting Software.
- Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License

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**Grounds Maintenance Worker (1 Position)** – High School Graduate with 5 Years Experience in Grounds Maintenance to include working with various machinery such as Lawnmower & Bushcutter, plus other the Gardening tools such as machete, tree saw, scissor trimmer. Must also have knowledge and experience in plant maintenance, care, and cultivation. Other duties may include some general commercial cleaning plus light carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical work as assigned. Must be reliable, dependable, good character & trustworthy. Must have valid CNMI Driver's License. Minimum Wage, No Benefits, Work Holidays and weekends as required. Must be Flexible. Police Clearance Required.

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**Commercial Cleaner (1 Position)** – High School Graduate with 5 years experience in Commercial Cleaning. Must be able to maintain floors (Mop, sweep, vacuum), maintain restrooms (Clean and Deodorize), maintain office spaces, collect and dispose of trash, clean windows plus other related duties as assigned. Must be reliable and dependable. Minimum Wage. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Must be reliable, dependable, good character, and trustworthy. Minimum Wage. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Police Clearance Required.

**Houseworker (3 Positions)** – High School Graduate with 5 Years Experience. Must be well rounded in household duties such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, ironing, & care giving. Duties would be inclusive of cleaning & deodorizing restrooms, cleaning windows, maintaining floors, collecting & disposing of trash. Must be reliable, dependable, good character, and trustworthy. Minimum Wage. No benefits. Work holidays and weekends as required. Must be flexible. Police Clearance Required.

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**JVA Annoucement for APHI dba Century Hotel**

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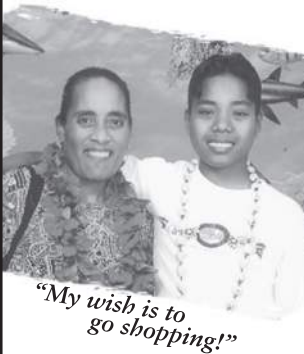
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## S P O R T S

# Source: MLB forcing Astros out of NL



**HOUSTON** (AP)—Major League Baseball told Houston businessman Jim Crane it would not approve his purchase of the Astros unless he agreed to move the team to the American League, The Associated Press has learned.

Crane was forced to agree to move the sale along, a person familiar with the negotiations said Wednesday on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made by MLB or the Astros. Approval of the sale could be announced as early as Thursday at a meeting of baseball executives in Milwaukee.

Crane reportedly agreed to the move in exchange for a drop in the sales price valued earlier this year at \$680 million. The person who spoke to the AP could not confirm the sales price.

"We'll let baseball talk about that," current owner Drayton McLane said Wednesday night. "There were a lot of adjustments, so we'll just wait and see what they have to say (Thursday)."

The players' association believes two 15-team leagues would create a more proportionate schedule and has urged baseball to make the switch. With schedules for next season already completed, the earliest such a move could take place is 2013.

Time is running out for approval of the Astros deal: Crane has said that his offer, which was announced on May 16, expires Nov. 30.

Messages were left seeking from Major League Baseball, but Commissioner Bud Selig did address the Astros' situation during a Twitter chat on Monday.

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"For 15/15 realignment, Houston would be the team moving to AL West. Would create more fairness in baseball," Selig tweeted via the Colorado Rockies' feed. He also added that "15 teams in each league would necessitate interleague play every day but it will be better schedule overall."

The Astros currently play in the six-team NL Central. The AL West is the only league in the majors with four teams (Rangers, Angels, Athletics and Mariners).

McLane said it will be difficult, at least at first, to see his team in the other league.

"I've always been a National League fan," he said. "Change is a big part of my life and what I've tried to do in business. I think it's going to be interesting to see the American League teams come in and getting a rivalry with the Rangers. That won't be too bad. It's going to be good."

The move would put the Astros in the same division as Texas. But fans are unhappy the other three teams are all on the West Coast, meaning many road games would routinely end past midnight Central time.

Rangers president Nolan Ryan, who pitched for the Astros during his Hall of Fame career, said he has some of the same feelings as McLane.

"I grew up an Astros fan and I look at the Astros as a National League team but I understand the desire to balance out the two leagues," Ryan said Wednesday.

"From our perspective, I like having them in the same division

because it gives us a team in our time zone. ... We've talked about the fact that there will be more interleague play and how does the schedule actually work. ... It's going to bring some dynamics. We're not sure how they'll work. Obviously, it's going to change some things."

McLane bought the team in November 1992 for about \$117 million. He turned down an offer from Crane to buy the franchise in 2008.

McLane said he's leaving with mixed emotions, something that hit him as he attended a meeting with other owners Wednesday.

"Last night when I went to bed, I thought about it. I can remember 19 years ago how elated I was. It's been a wonderful, wonderful ride," he said.

"Each of these owners have been my friends for 19 years. One of the strange things is, I'm one of the older owners right now," McLane said. "There's only seven or eight that have been here longer than I have. Been a world of turnover."

The \$680 million sale price is the second-highest in major league history, trailing the \$845 million purchase of the Chicago Cubs by the Ricketts family two years ago. The \$660 million sale of the Boston Red Sox in 2002 currently is second. Like the Astros' deal, the Cubs and Red Sox transactions included related entities.

A major selling point in Houston was the Astros' share in a new deal with the NBA's Houston Rockets to create a regional sports network that will begin airing Rockets games in 2012 and the Astros in 2013.

# Venezuela authorities charge 8 in Ramos kidnapping

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—Venezuelan authorities formally charged eight suspects Wednesday in the kidnapping of Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos.

The charges against include kidnapping, illegal possession of firearms, using a stolen vehicle and criminal association, prosecutors said in a statement. Those jailed include six men accused of directly participating in the abduction and a 59-year-old woman and 74-year-old man who are charged as accomplices for allegedly providing food to the group.

The 24-year-old baseball player was seized at gunpoint outside his family's home in the city of Valencia last week and was rescued by police commandos two days later in the mountains of Carabobo state.

Authorities said four men were arrested at the abductors' hideout but other suspects escaped the police raid. On Monday, police arrested a Colombian and a Venezuelan as alleged participants in the kidnapping.

The older man and woman were detained before the rescue. Ramos said after his release that his kidnappers had carefully planned the abduction with the help of an informant who had studied his movements. Ramos said his abductors told him they were going to demand a large ransom.

"What they did was laugh, joke about my pain," Ramos said in brief remarks on television Tuesday.

The 74-year-old suspect, Aristides Sanchez, was granted house arrest by a court as permitted in Venezuela for suspects older than 70. However, officials said he will remain jailed until authorities confirm his age.

Sanchez is the father of another jailed suspect, 26-year-old Alexander Sanchez, the attorney general's office said in a statement.

Ramos recently returned to his homeland after his rookie year with the Nationals to play during the offseason for his Venezuelan team, the Aragua Tigers. He has said he expects to be on the field playing for the Tigers again soon.

"I'm very thankful, and I feel like I've been born again," Ramos said.

# Gibson, Maddon win Managers of Year; La Russa 3rd

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kirk Gibson of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Joe Maddon of the Tampa Bay Rays have been voted Managers of the Year.

Gibson won by a wide margin in the National League and Maddon was a clear choice in the AL. The results were announced Wednesday by the

Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Gibson guided Arizona to a worst-to-first finish in his first full season as a big league manager.

Milwaukee's Ron Roenicke finished second and Tony La Russa of the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals

was third. Voting was completed after the regular season.

Maddon won for the second time. His Rays overcame a nine-game deficit in September to beat Boston for the AL wild card.

Jim Leyland of Detroit was second and Ron Washington of Texas was third.



# Woods and Stricker get worst loss



Tiger Woods of the U.S. team blasts a ball out of a bunker during a practice round prior to the start of the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Royal Melbourne Golf Course, in Melbourne, Australia, on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011.

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker, unbeatable two years ago in the Presidents Cup, didn't make a birdie, didn't win a hole and tied the record for the biggest loss in the history of the event.

Adam Scott and K.J. Choi were relentless at Royal Melbourne on Thursday, keeping

the ball in play and making enough birdies as Woods and Stricker self-destructed. The International side won, 7 and 6. They were the last of six four-somes matches in the opening session, yet the rout was so great that they were the second match to finish.

The only other match that

went 12 holes since the Presidents Cup began in 1994 was when David Frost beat Kenny Perry by the same score in singles in 1996.

One of the six matches were close—Geoff Ogilvy and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel were all square with Bill Haas and Nick Watney on the 18th hole. he

Americans won three matches, none reaching the 17th green.

Woods and Steve Williams exchanged a firm, business-like handshake on the opening hole and otherwise kept their distance. That was about all the drama in what might be the final chapter of this bitter split between player and caddie.

Williams now works for Scott, and just like so many other team competitions, he had the best horse. Scott was crisp off the tee and into the firm greens. He rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt to win the 11th hole, that hit an approach into 8 feet as Choi made the birdie to close out the match.

It was the worst margin of defeat for Woods in any form of

match play since he turned pro.

"Unfortunately, they got off to a quick start and we just couldn't keep up," Woods said. "We kept falling to the wrong side of these slopes. The golf course is so difficult, it's hard to make up shots."

Scott and Choi never came seriously close to a bogey and were 4 under through 12 holes. Woods and Stricker were 3 over.

"It seemed like we were just a little bit off," Stricker said after his first competition since Sept. 25 at the Tour Championship. "It seemed like I put him in the rough by a foot or so. If you're in the rough here, trying to hit to some of these greens is pretty difficult."

Scott called a "very pleasing

victory," more to do with being home in Australia than anything to do with his caddie.

Williams first showed the animosity in the split when he said after Scott won the Bridgestone Invitational that it was the "best win of my life." Then came that night in Shanghai two weeks ago at a caddies' award party, when Williams made a racial comment about Woods while getting roasted for that TV interview at the Bridgestone.

The handshake on the first tee was symbolic—it was strictly business out there.

Williams was on the second tee when Choi was hitting in alternate shot. Not long after Woods arrived to watch his partner, Williams walked up the fairway to join Scott about 40 yards away.

## Giants' Cruz hit floor during NYC club shooting



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Growing up in an impoverished city a little more than 11 miles from New York Giants headquarters, Victor Cruz heard his share of gunshots as a child, and he isn't exaggerating.

The wide receiver got used to them, and it might have saved his life early Tuesday morning when gunshots erupted at a New York City supper club as he was celebrating his 25th birthday with defensive end Chris Canty and friends.

There were reports that five Giants were in the club at the time of the incident that left one man dead and two people wounded.

However, safety Antrel Rolle said he left the club before the shooting, and receiver Hakeem Nicks and cornerback Aaron Ross denied being there that night.

The players had off Tuesday, so they had no curfew.

The moment Cruz heard the pop, he got under the table at the Juliet Supper Club in trendy Chelsea section of Manhattan and made sure everyone in his party hit the floor, too.

"It happened so fast," Cruz said Wednesday after the Giants (6-3) practiced for Sunday's night game against the rival Philadelphia Eagles (3-6).

"I was just sitting there and you could hear it on the other side, the shots go off," he said. "The rest was just me on the ground and trying to get out of there."

Cruz several minutes on the floor, worried about more shots and the possibility of being

trampled by the people trying to get out.

"Anytime anything like that happens it is frightening no matter how many times you have heard a gunshot," said Cruz, who is tied with Nicks for the team lead with 40 receptions and four touchdowns. "Growing up where I grew up things like that were common, but not necessarily in the same area you are in. It's definitely scary."

The Montgomery Park area of Paterson where Cruz grew up had its moments. There were nights he remembered hearing gunshots outside his window.

"I've heard some being out as a young guy in the streets, being at a pickup game playing basketball and at the park across the street. You see gunshots going off and everybody running and things like that. It's not the first time I've heard one or seen things like that, but you definitely don't want to see one now at this point in my life."

Gunshots in a New York City nightclub are something the Giants would like to never hear about again. Receiver Plaxico Burress shot himself in the leg in late November 2008 when his gun slipped out of the waistband of his sweat.

His absence at the end of that season crippled the Giants' offense and led to a first-round playoff loss to the Eagles. He also missed the next two seasons, serving a prison term on a weapons charge.

Cruz said he isn't the type to bring a gun to a club, but he knows the Giants' history.

"Obviously the stereotype is going to be there," he said.

"The Giants guy in a club and gun shots go off. I understand all of that. I knew I did nothing wrong, I was there just to have a good time with friends and that was it. I knew I wasn't doing anything negative."

The 29-year-old Canty said this was the first time he had heard gunshots, other than when he has gone hunting.

"What goes through your mind?" he said incredulously. "You are scared. The first thing that goes through your mind is 'get out and get home safely. That's your first priority.'"

Canty called the incident an unfortunate tragedy.

"You hate that something like that is still happening and that it can take place," the seven-year veteran said. "It's just the reality of the world we live in. My mom says this all the time: 'The life you save may be your own.' It's surreal. It's just something hard to accept that something like that can happen."

Coach Tom Coughlin addressed the team about the incident after practice on Wednesday, adding he spoke to Cruz as a parent would speak to his son.

"I don't know what good happens at 2:30 or 3 in the morning," Coughlin said. "I've never been able to figure that one out. Beyond that is between he and I."

Police say the gunman and victim had argued.

Artis Arthur, 43, was shot twice and killed. A 28-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman were wounded and were in stable condition, police said.

Police were searching for the suspected gunman.

## Please come and join us for the Third Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic!

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*Registration for the first week is due by Thursday, November 10.*

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# Voyagers, Shark Attack remain on top of standings

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Jonny's Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers and Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack remain in first place in their respective Agingan and Obyan divisions after the conclusion of Tuesday's Saipan Billiard Association's 2011 Summer/Fall Budweiser Open Eight Ball League matchups.

Agingan's IT&E Voyagers are still nine games ahead of the



Team SCS, seen here in a file photo, snuck past sister-team Crazy 8 in a home draw Tuesday night at Jonny's Bar & Grill to move into a two-way tie for second place in SBA's Obyan division.

pack despite absorbing a 3-4 upset in a road draw against sister

team Home Boyz Five. IT&E Voyagers hold a 63-21 win-loss

record, while Home Boyz Five improved to 48-36.

Runner-up IT&E Incridibles (54-30) gained a chunk of ground on the frontrunner following a 6-1 victory over VFW Post 3457's X-Tream (22-62) at home in Sand's Bar.

Third-ranked Docomo Hustlers (48-36) also moved into the green with a 5-2 home win over Joe's Steakhouse's Fotten Palau (19-65).

Docomo's Senen Pangelinan has ran the table five times this season, while X-Tream's Joseph Achas has

twice sunk the 8-ball off the break.

Obyan's Shark Attack downed 19th Hole Bar's Poksu, 5-2, on the road and improved to 55-29.

Meanwhile, Team SCS (42-42) edged out sister team Crazy 8 (39-45), 4-3, in a home draw at Jonny's to move into a two-way tie for second place.

Team SCS was let in the door thanks to a 1-6 upset at home in D'Pirates Bar against the 19th Hole's Titans (31-51).

Team SCS's Erwin Gomez and Crazy 8's Rey Pinanagay have ran the table three times apiece, while Crazy 8's Zaldy Quebral and Pirata's Dave Maratita each sank the 8-ball once off the break.

## DLX basketball tourney meeting tonight

The Domino Lux International Fraternity will be holding a mandatory meeting tonight for representatives of teams participating in the 2011 DLX Basketball Invitational Friendship Tournament.

The meeting is at 7pm at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court, while the DLX caging will open tomorrow at 5pm. Tournament rules and details about the opening will be discussed at the meeting.

Eight teams are entered in the inaugural caging: Pacific Postal, FGC, 8 Division, Blue Haus, ITS Corp., San Roque, Gualo Rai, and MDX/Blue Haus. Organizers will award a trophy and \$500 for the champion team.

For more information about the DLX Basketball Invitational Friendship Tournament, contact Jojo Garon at 483-2939 or Jeff Garcia at 898-6257. (PR)



## EASY

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Inter Godfather's was right on target at the very beginning of the match with Nelson scoring in the first minute. The eventual winning team added four more in the first half, with three of them coming from Reusora for a 5-1 lead.

Seong Joon Lee put MP United B in the scoreboard in the 14th minute.

In the second half, Inter Godfather's continued to put on a show with Nelson nailing his second goal and Loken, Cruz, and Suguru chipping in one apiece.

### SKF FC 4, KFAS 1

In another Group B match, SKY FC coasted to back-to-

back victories after downing Korean Football Association on Saipan.

Guang Lin Li made twin goals for SKY FC in the first half for a 3-0 cushion at the break. Li scored his first goal in the 12th minute, eight minutes after Ji Hyun Lee gave SKF FC its first goal. Then nine minutes before the first half buzzer sounded, Li hit another goal.

Both teams struggled in the majority of the second half before Min Jong Choi finally broke SKY FC's silence with a goal in the 68th minute. Then KFAS avoided a shutout when An Zhi Quiang scored eight minutes before the game ended.

SKY FC improved to a 2-0-2 slate for second place in Group B.

### MP United A 3, Paire 1

In Group A results, Dae Min Jeon logged twin goals in the second half to lift MP United A to a win over Paire.

The victory moved MP United back into the second spot with its 3-0-1 win-draw-loss record behind the undefeated Wild Bill's (4-0-0).

MP United posted the first goal in the match with Woo Ho Jin finding the back of the net in the 27th minute. However, Paire's Steve McKagan scored nine minutes later to even up the game. The match remained in a deadlock at half-time, as neither team hit a goal in the remaining nine minutes of the first half.

Both teams remained quiet in the first few minutes of the second half before Dae Min Jeon found an opening on Paire's

defense and scored in the 55th minute to give MP United a 1-2 lead. Jeon got his second goal off a penalty kick in the 78th minute to seal the win.

### Wild Bill's 9, Shirley's FC 0

In other results this week, Wild Bill's clobbered Shirley's FC at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

As expected, Jeeraphong Thoensaket delivered the most goals for Wild Bill's with four, while Dan Westphal chipped in two. Lar Wongpaya and Adul Detdon contributed one each and Wild Bill's received one more goal off a Shirley's FC miscue.

With the win, Wild Bill's kept its unbeaten record in four games to stay on top in Group A. Shirley's FC is still winless after three matches.

Sally Lee, and Goodman and Sam Lai.

In the mixed doubles 4.0, the father and daughter tandem of Boyet and Thecel Minor are seeded first against the duos of Merle Hudkins and Sergei Stukov, Engelhardt and Phil Klenzin, Jodel Fernandez and Jake Lee, and Mikayla Lopez and dela Cruz.

Preliminary games will be played from Thursday to Saturday and title matches are expected to be completed this Sunday.

This year's Tan Holdings Classic is supported by TakeCare, Quality Distributors, Mobil, and Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

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John Jang, and second seed Buddy Garote. Lee and Jones were scheduled to start action in the men's 4.0 singles as they squared off last night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan court.

The men's 40-and-above singles will also feature the Lais—Peter, Sam, and David, who are ranked second to fourth in their division. Raj Rai is the top seed in the men's 3.0 singles, which will also have Chang Wang Hang, Gary Ramsey, George Lai, Gabriel Colombo, and Bob Webb.

Junior player Dyan Ackerman leads the men's 3.0 singles field and will be battling the championship against the second-seeded Moris Villanueva, Luther Lizama, Jamie Hagos, Michael Jones, Kazu Shintani, Michael Ren, and Justin Poon.

In the women's 4.0 singles, Dylan's sister, Tammy, will be the player to beat. Joining her in the field are fellow junior player Carol Lee and Emily Jones, Aki Shintani, and Nina Engelhardt.

The women's 3.0 singles will also have three junior players in Adele Hudkins, Isabel Heras, and Alina Ishikawa. Completing the list are Sally Masbate

and Vickie Izuka.

The women's 40-and-above singles will be a five-player battle among Lydia Tan, Migu Goodman, Sakiko Eda, Sally Lee, and Cleofe Santos.

For the mixed doubles, Izuka will team up with Norman Tsang in competing in the 3.0 division against the pairs of Paul Jang and July Kim, Aki and Kazu Shintani, Emily Jones and Michael Ren, Mayling Colombo and Kentaro Imaya, and Nagoo Chieko and Ryan Cho.

In the mixed doubles 40-and-above, the field include Tan and David Lai, Jorge Olanda and Lyn Leung, George Lai and

a 25-point performance in the clutch and ran away with it in the end.

Seven Blue Haus players chipped in offensively and contained Mobil to just 10 points at crunch time.

Blue Haus' De Dios led the field with 16 points, while Mobil's Factor and Juan Maratita managed 11 apiece.

In the second game, Ol'Aces worked to an early 18-17 lead in the first quarter off a late five-point string by Peter Camacho.

Andhok's hung around, but Ol'Aces maintained a two-point lead, 38-36, at the pause.

Ol'Aces' Tony Diaz buried a couple of treys for 10 points in the second quarter, while center Jun Alipio managed nine markers to keep Andhok's hot on the trail.

Andhok's regrouped after

the break and grinded out a 56-51 advantage heading into the final period.

Andhok's Dexter Tenorio came off the bench and led the third quarter charge with seven points.

Ol'Aces were held to just 13 points in the third quarter, five of which were canned at the stripe by Romeo Iginoef.

Diaz then returned to the floor at the start of the fourth quarter and ignited a rally with seven points early in the period.

Ol'Aces also stiffened up on defense in the crucial final quarter and although Andhok's drained eight free throws, they came up a couple of baskets short of forcing overtime.

Diaz led all scorers with 25 points, while Andhok's Alex Lauron turned in 19 in the loss.

### First Game

**Satbahi/Blue Haus 78** – De Dios 16, Peredo 14, Talania 9, Mangali 9, Guiab 8, Aquino 8, Kautz 8, Camacho 2, Manalo 2.

**Mobil 64** – Maratita 11, Factor 11, Demapan 10, Ruloked 10, Estolas 7, Sharry 4, Lizama 4, Abuan 3, De Guzman 2, Fernando 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-18, 35-35, 53-54, 78-64.

### Second Game

**Ol'Aces 74** – Diaz 25, Pelise-man 15, Camacho 13, White 6, Iginoef 6, Olaitiman 4, Van Buren 3, Kenty 2.

**Andhok's 72** – Lauron 19, Dayrit 11, Wesley 11, Tenorio 9, Montano 7, Park 5, Abedes 5, Umali 2, Artates 2, Llagas 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-17, 38-36, 51-56, 74-72.

### loss in three matches. Kobler-

ville now ties Chalan Kanoa and San Antonio/Gene's Barber in second place in the team standings in Bracket A, half a game behind group leader Garapan/Jhems (3-1).

Deleon finished with a team-high 12 markers, while Melvin Cadiang added 10, scoring Koblerville's first five points to give the team a 16-5 advantage.

In the second period, it was Koblerville's turn to slow down, as it was held to seven points against the 16 of Chalan Kanoa, which moved within two at the break, 21-23.

It was another close contest in the third period with Koblerville still having a slight ledge, 42-38, as Manuel Ajoste made six of his eight points in that canto.

Jun Tabora kept Chalan Kanoa afloat in the final canto, but Koblerville got the break when Deleon was fouled on his way to the basket and went 1-for-2 to pull off the victory.

Tabora led all scorers with his 22 markers.

### Garapan 86, San Antonio 86

Garapan/Jhems and San Antonio/Gene's Barber were in a deadlock after regulation, but the former was awarded the win due to technicalities.

San Antonio lost the match, as it failed to field one of its players in regulation. MDX caging rules mandate teams to give playing time to all members present during the game.

Matt Duenas and JR Ngeskebei teamed up in Garapan's victory with their 25 and 23 points, respectively, while Jun Alipio also finished in double digits with 10.

Jack Aranda paced San Antonio with his 26 points, but these were not enough to give his team

its third win in as many games. San Antonio lost the match despite taking a 68-61 lead when Garapan outscored the former in the final canto, 25-18.

### As Lito 75, Chalan Kiya 72

Chris Lansang scored 22 points, including As Lito Chow Queen's last four markers to beat Chalan Kiya/Loving Hands.

Three other As Lito players tallied double digits in scoring for the team's first win. Shane Metran added 17, Zack Babauta had 11, and Jojo Sevilla posted 11 in their debut win. Chalan Kiya fell to a 2-1 card.

### First Game

**Garapan/Jhems 86** – Mat. Duenas 25, Ngeskebei 23, Alipio 10, Surima 7, Camacho 6, Bello 6, Catalla 4, Man. Duenas 2.

**San Antonio/Gene's Barber 86** – Aranda 26, Ne. Salem 19, Alegre 10, De Guzman 10, Palacios 8, Mariano 5, Bicera 2, Ngeskebei 2, Castro 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 25-19, 47-40, 61-68, 86-86.

### Second Game

**As Lito Chow Queen 75** – Lansang 22, Metran 17, Babauta 15, Sevilla 11, Capalad 6, Deleon 4.

**Chalan Kiya/Loving Hands 72** – Kintz 19, Ja. Bahillo 14, Je. Bahillo 13, Tabora 7, Geli 6, Zapata 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-1, 39-32, 59-51, 75-72.

### Third Game

**Koblerville/GEC 58** – Deleon 12, Cadiang 10, Taylor 9, Ajoste 8, Chan 6, Isip 5, Del Rosario 4, Lumauag 2, Manangan 2.

**Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery 57** – Tabora 22, Mina 11, Caro 6, Tobias 6, Rollon 5, Bernardo 4, Lerio 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-5, 23-21, 42-39, 58-57.



# Marianas Coffee Trail Run set for Jan. 28

Participants of the Marianas Coffee Trail Run pose at the starting line of the 2010 race.

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One of the region's most invigorating early morning runs returns to the Northern Marianas on Jan. 28, 2012, with the 5th Marianas Coffee Trail Run.

The event will feature a 10-kilometer short course and a longer course through some of Saipan's most challenging and scenic terrain. Beginning and finishing at Micro Beach at American Memorial Park, the race rises 1,500 feet to the highest point on the is-

land—Mt. Tapochao—following twists and turns through the mountaintop before returning to the finish line. The course takes runners through wild coffee plantations planted in the Japanese-colonial era of the island and through the young coffee groves of sponsor Marianas Coffee Co. Competitors will also be rewarded with sweeping panoramas of the Pacific Ocean and Philippine Sea.

"Last year we extended the long course to 30K, an international standard, but the course elevation was a huge challenge

to many participants, so we are considering returning to our initial course length," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager

Martin Duenas. "We'll be announcing that shortly, and look forward to a great turnout."

Registration made by Jan. 19, 2012, will be \$15 for ages 12 and under and \$30 for ages 13 and above. Registration after Jan. 19, 2012, will be an additional \$10.

All participants will receive a finisher's T-shirt, certificate of participation, and free entry to the awards banquet. The

banquet will be held at Micro Beach at 11:30am on race day.

Awards, including Marianas Coffee giveaways, will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers in the male and female divisions. Walkers for the 10K are also welcomed.

The event is also sponsored by KFC Triathlon Club Japan, TEAM PDI, and Northern Marianas Athletics.

Registration forms are now available at the MVA office in Oleai. For more information, contact Ed Diaz of the MVA at ediaz@mymarianas.com or

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## PASL softball fundraiser this weekend



The Pohnpei Amateur Softball League is putting on a coed slow-pitch softball fundraiser tournament this weekend from Nov. 18 through Nov. 20 at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

The PASL is trying to raise money to help field a men and women's team to compete in a goodwill softball tournament in Guam next week. However, event organizers were unable to verify the specifics of the off-island activity as of press time.

In any case, the teams will be made up of a mixed group of PASL players.

A total of 12 teams have already confirmed their participation and slots are still available.

The entrance fee to participate is set at \$100 per team and prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 place finishers.

All rosters must contain at least three female players and at least two women players must be out in the field at all times.

For more information, contact Semerina Simram at 785-1806, Tony Luzama at 256-0141, Erlinda Nabuti at 287-7464, or Frank Shiro at 287-3732. (Walter Cepeda Sutherland)

## Two in a row for Independents FC

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Independents FC notched back-to-back wins in the non-competitive division of the 2011 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League this week after prevailing over MP United 2 and Shirley's FC at the Saipan Soccer School pitch.

In the first game last Monday, Independents Kiriyaporn Thosa scored twin goals, while Malijan Scanudom added one to lift their team to a victory over MP United 2, 3-1.

Thosa found the back of the net for the first time in the seventh minute of the second half and had her second goal four minutes later. Scanudom also made it to the scoreboard in the second half with her goal in the 14th minute.

MP United drew its lone goal from Leriza DeBrum in the eighth minute of the second half.

Independents then played Shirley's FC last Wednesday and won anew, 2-1.

Yenthaisong Lamyuan and Thosa scored in the 12th and 13th minute, respectively for Independents, while Shirley's only goal in the game came in the 16th minute, courtesy of Kyla Ito.



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Paire's Temary Gramlich, seen here in Week 2 of the NMIFA futsal league using her body to stop the ball, scored four goals in their 5-3 win over MP United 2 last Wednesday at the Saipan Soccer School pitch.

### Paire FC 5, MP United 2 3

Still in the non-competitive results, Paire downed MP United 2.

Temary Gramlich was unstoppable in Paire's victory, as she made four goals. She had three and Paire was credited with an own goal off MP United 2's error for a 4-0 halftime lead.

MP United 2 drilled all its goals in the first half with Laarni Zapanta scoring in the fourth and 17th minute and Amy Oui-

to-Weiss in the 19th minute.

### Shirley's 5, MP United 1 0

In last Monday's non-competitive results, two Shirley's strikers recorded twin goals apiece for a shutout win over MP United 1.

Jaime Mendoza broke the ice for Shirley's with only 10 minutes gone by in the game. Ito then scored two minutes later, while Lily Williams made it a 3-0 lead with her goal in the 19th minute.

Ito got her second goal in the 26th minute, while Mendoza duplicated the former's feat five minutes later.

### MHS 3, Matansa 3

The third game Monday night between MHS and Matansa Football Club ended in a draw.

Becky Robles scored the first goal in the match in the seventh minute, but after only a few seconds Meena Deleon Guerrero canned the equalizer. The game remained in a deadlock after the first half, 2-2, with Jamie Rivera lighting up the scoreboard for MHS also under the eighth-minute mark and Noi Horey answering with her first goal for Matansa.

The match was still in a stalemate after the second half, as Tawny Barcinas gave Matansa its third goal in the eighth minute and Deleon Guerrero also scored a few seconds later.

### COMPETITIVE Independents 2, MP United 2

In the lone game in the competitive division last Wednesday, Independents and MP United were also even.

Terra Allen and Pratoom Stoffer scored for IFC in the first and second half, respectively, while MP United was lucky to get two own goals to force a deadlock.

## Taitano upsets Kaliga in Sunday 8-ball



Patrick Taitano charged back through the loser's bracket to grab the championship of 19th Hole's Sunday 8-Ball Tournament from Nolas Kaliga.

Taitano overcame a first round loss to John Mongami by putting away perennial champion Patrick Cepeda and smooth-stroking past Norman Tenorio. He finished his comeback by eliminating Mongami in the loser's bracket final.

Cepeda took his first loss from Taylor Watanabe, while Tenorio and Mongami fell to Kaliga.

Taitano needed to win two games to get past Kaliga, his Shark Attack teammate in the Saipan Billiards Association's 8-Ball League. He got them both, running his streak to five straight wins facing elimination.

The Sunday tournament entry

fee is \$5. There's a free beer for the first four players to sign up before the scheduled 5pm starting time. First and second place winners split the pot and trophies go to first to third place winners.

Round-robin action continues Friday through Sunday to earn points for the Nov. 23 Marianas Turkey Shoot. The entry fee is \$15 until Nov. 22 and \$20 the day of the tournament. Players can

start paying their partial entry fees to Rose or Ken Phillips, now until Nov. 22. Frozen turkey, cash to first, second, third, and trophies for first to fifth place winners are at stake.

The contests are held at 19th Hole, located in Lower Navy Hill. Coming from Garapan, it is just before you get to the Bank of Hawaii traffic light, past Grand Market and before Jane's Barbecue.

For more information call 788-5929 after 4 pm. (PR)



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## Easy victories in men's league



MP United A's Dae Min Jeon, left, battles a Paire striker for the ball during their game in the NMIFA men's fall league last Sunday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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**W**eek 4 of the 2011 NMIFA Men's Fall League had three teams cruising past their respective foes last Sunday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



Inter Godfather's topped the list of squads that notched easy victories last week after whipping out MP United B, 9-1. Gilmark Reusora led Inter Godfather's demolition, as he completed a hat-trick, while Chris Nelson contributed two goals, and four other players—Masatoshi Otsuka, Peter Loken, Edwin Cruz, and Takahashi Suguru—made it to the scoreboard.

Inter Godfather's is still unbeaten in four games to strengthen its hold to the top spot in Group B, while MP United B absorbed its second loss in three matches.

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## Tan Holdings Tennis Classic draws 68 entries in Week 1



Amami Sakano goes for a baseline return during his first round match against Bong Gamab in the men's open singles division of the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic yesterday at the AMP court.

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Week 1 of the 3rd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic kicked off yesterday and lured 68 entries.

The men's singles open, 3.0., and 4.0 drew the most participants with nine each, the men's 40-and-above had eight, the mixed doubles 3.0 attracted six, the mixed doubles 4.0. and women's 40-and-above 3.0, and 4.0 singles featured five entries apiece, the mixed doubles 40-and-above enticed four, and women's 2.0 singles included three players.

Todd Montgomery, the 2010 Micronesian Games singles gold medalist, is seeded first in the men's open singles and will play newcomer Jeff Belzer

tonight at 6:30pm at the American Memorial Park Tennis court. CNMI coach Jeff Race is on the lower half of the bracket and is ranked second. He also drew a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the Bong Gamab-Amami Sakano match tonight. Gamab and Sakano duelled in the opening of the competition last night.

Also on the men's singles open field are Daniel Park and Bobby Cruz, who also played their first game last night at AMP and Rafael Jones and Thea Minor, who will collide tomorrow also, at AMP.

Guam's Peter Lai is the No. 1 seed in the men's 4.0 singles and will be joined in the field by Paul Jang, Jake Lee, Angelo Jones, Carl dela Cruz, Clay McCullough-Stearns, Kentaro Imaaya,

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## Blue Haus burns Mobil, 78-64

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Satbahi-Blue Haus blew past Mobil, 78-64, after three neck-and-neck quarters in Wednesday's Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup

opener held at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Blue Haus broke into the win column on its third try and handed Mobil its third loss.

Third time was the charm for Ol'Aces as well which capped their first win by outlasting still winless Andhok's (0-3), 74-72,

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Satbahi-Blue Haus' Brandon Talania draws contact from Mobil's Jun Estolas on his way to the hoop in Wednesday's Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup match held at the Garapan Basketball Court.

## Koblerville edges Chalan Kanoa in MDX caging

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Koblerville/GEC escaped with a 58-57 win over Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery during their game in the 2011 MDX Ama-

teur Radio Club Inter-Village Friendship League last Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

Kevin De Leon split his charities in the last three seconds of the match and Chalan Kanoa failed to pull up for a decent shot in the end to absorb its first

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Koblerville/GEC's Manuel Ajoste, right, uses his body to protect the ball while going up for a shot against Chalan Kanoa/Fong's Bakery's Sonny Lerio during their game in the MDX caging last Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court.

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